



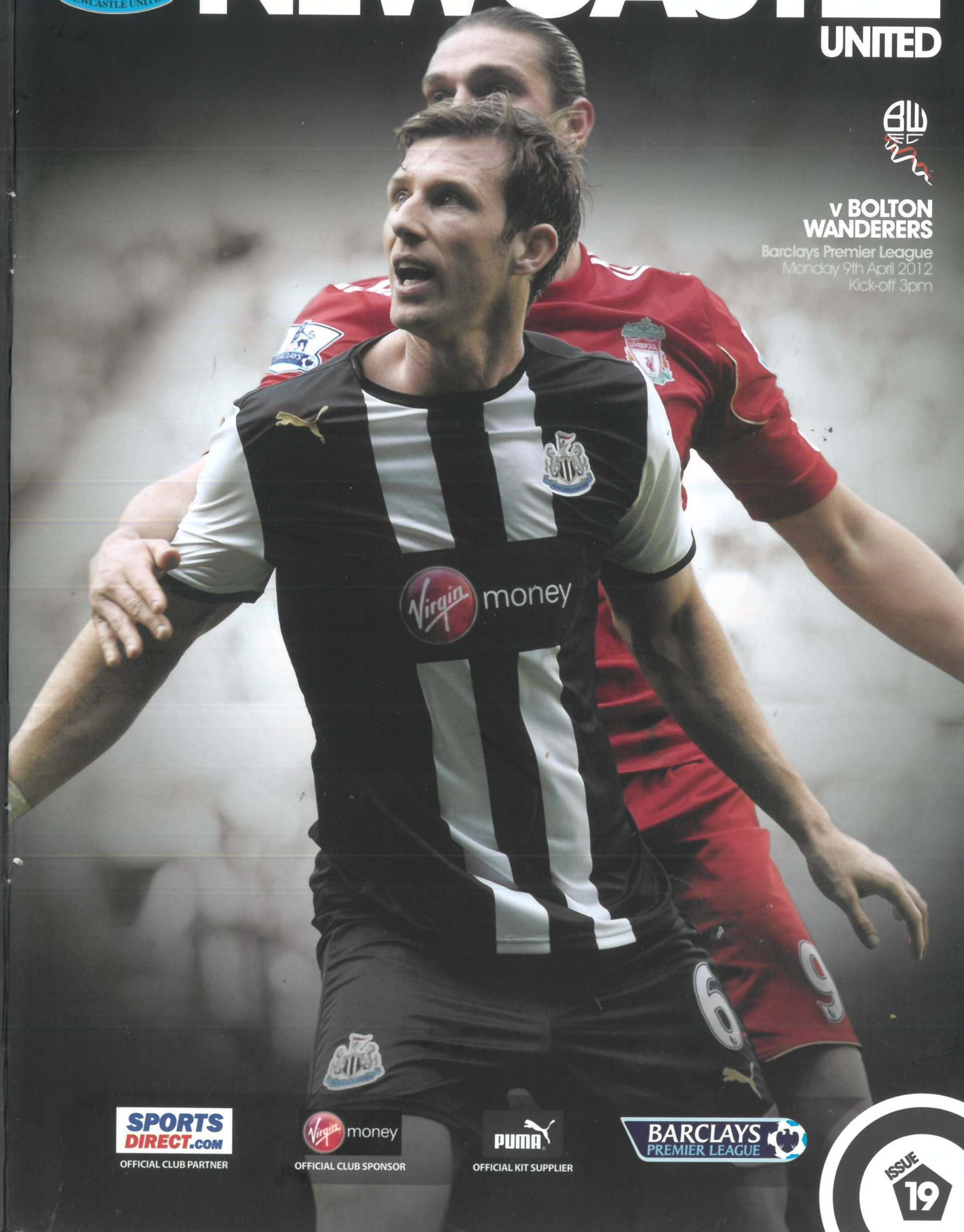
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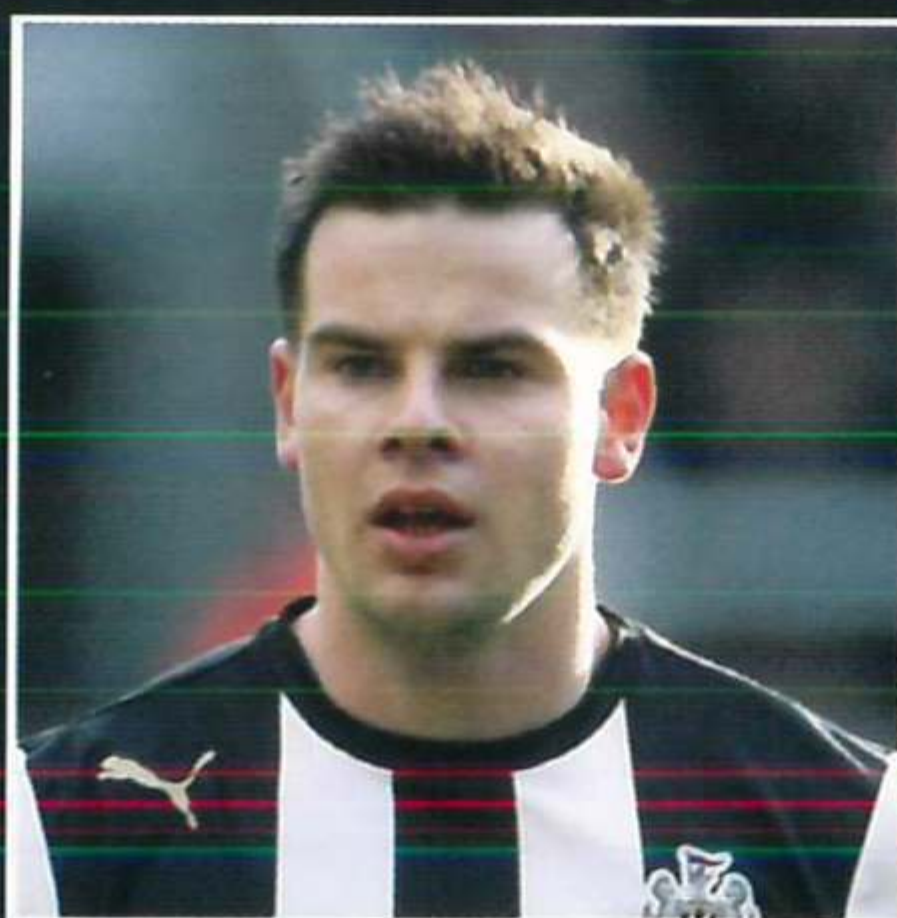
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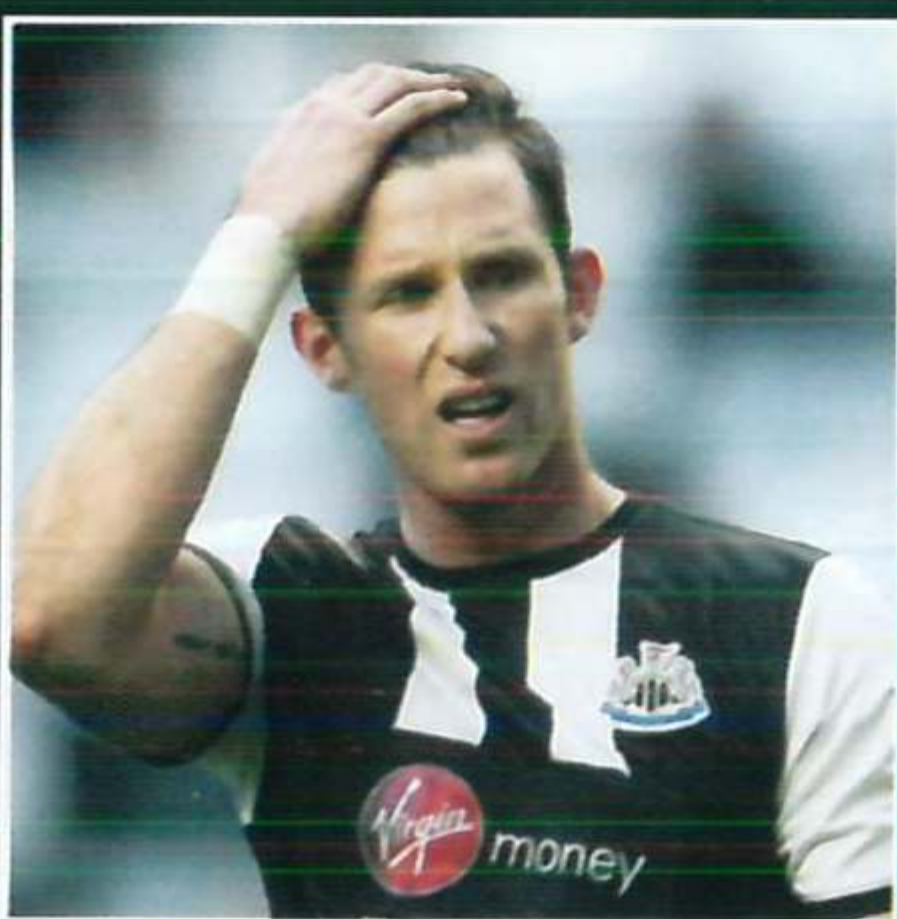
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ALAN PARDEW



The Magpies boss looks to build on recent success...

WE have all been touched by events at Bolton Wanderers in the last few weeks and may I take this opportunity to wish Fabrice Muamba continued success in his remarkable recovery on behalf of everyone here at Newcastle United.

I'm pleased to welcome Owen Coyle and his staff to the North-East this afternoon and it would be great to see Fabrice emerging from his bed at the London Heart Hospital to start next season as a Premier League player in Bolton colours.

Due to the Easter print deadlines, I'm writing these notes ahead of what was always going to be a difficult trip to Swansea, so I'm going to focus on our last home fixture and a result that strengthened our position in the top six.

The Liverpool game presented us with an opportunity to extend the gap between ourselves and the mid-table pack, yet winning the game in such convincing fashion exceeded my expectations.

It was a wonderful day for us, as the team played in a controlled and professional manner, aided once again by your magnificent support. The combination of this thriving Newcastle team backed by our unrivalled fans is irresistible at times and it's part of the reason why we have such an impressive home record this season.

We put Liverpool under pressure from the off and the first goal was another touch of class from Papiss Cissé, as he pulled his defender one way and then the other before finding a clinical header that gave Pepe Reina no chance.

Once we got our noses in front, I never felt we were going to lose the game and it was just a question of

whether we could get the second goal, which duly arrived after a thrilling mazy run from Hatem and another fine finish from Papiss.

It was a great Newcastle victory, and while a bulk of the press coverage on Monday morning focussed on Liverpool's problems, we got our fair share of the plaudits and rightly so because the players were magnificent once again.

I took no satisfaction from seeing our former players Andy and José enduring a difficult day, as they were fantastic for us during their time at this club, but maybe this season has changed a few perceptions and sent out a

message to players tempted by offers to join so-called bigger clubs in the Premier League.

Newcastle have proved time and again over the last few months that we can compete with big-name clubs like Liverpool and maybe it will encourage players to think again if they dare to believe the grass is greener elsewhere.

We have a great team in place and can be proud of our achievements this season, but I'm not satisfied with where we are now. We need to keep this group of players together and aim to push onto the next level, with the winning mentality now running through the dressing room



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something I'm keen to build on.

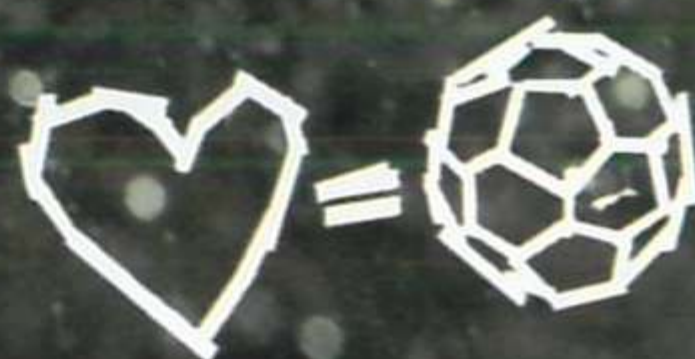
There will only be five games left to play at the end of today and we should focus our attentions on trying to put some pressure on the teams ahead of us in the table. Chelsea, Tottenham and Arsenal have all dropped points in recent weeks and we must do all we can to try and sneak ahead of them.

John Carver tells me the town was buzzing last Sunday night after the Liverpool victory and it would be great to recreate that vibe today. With your continued wonderful support, I'm sure the team will respond once again.

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FABRICIO COLOCCINI

Our captain was delighted after victory over Liverpool...

THE whole team were very happy after our win against Liverpool last weekend because we played very well against a very tough team and everyone worked extremely hard.

We made some changes in defence but they were changes that worked, and thanks to a great effort from each of our players, from the goalkeeper through to the strikers, it turned out to be a great day.

It was a very eventful game with lots going on, but we did very well to remain calm and keep our feet on the ground. We knew we were playing against a top team with some great players, so we needed to be focussed.

But because of the way we played at times throughout the game, they could not cope with us and they struggled to contain Demba, Hatem and, of course, Papiss when we broke forward.

Just like they were the week before against West Brom, our front three looked very dangerous against Liverpool and we just hope that Papiss can keep on scoring between now and the end of the season.

I was also very impressed with the way Perchy, Willo, Jonás and Simmo coped with the threat of Andy Carroll and Luis Suárez. They are top players but our defence did really well, with a lot of help from our midfielders.

It was a game where everyone did their jobs and covered for others as well when they were needed. Our midfield put in a great shift and they were equally important in breaking Liverpool down as well as creating space and chances for our forwards.

It was a strange game for me because obviously I wasn't playing,



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and I think I was more nervous than normal. When you're playing, you forget the nerves very quickly but when you are watching from the stands, you want to shout and head every ball.

Of course, once the game was finished I was very happy because we had the three points, but I think I much prefer being out there on the

pitch. But it did give me the chance to hear our supporters properly and the noise was just unbelievable.

We moved level on points with Chelsea again after beating Liverpool, and even though I am writing this before our Good Friday game at Swansea, we are still in a very good position in the Premier League table.

We went into that game in a confident mood after beating Liverpool and wins like that give you the strength to keep fighting until the very end of the season, which we must do.

Today we have another big game against Bolton and hopefully we can continue to build on our recent good form. We have very few games left and we want to finish as strongly as we can.

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TIPPED for a major breakthrough as one of XFM's 12 for 2012, All The Young released their debut album last week, and thanks to our friends at Shoot Music Promotions, we have three copies to give away.

The Horizon was mixed by Rich Costey (Muse, My Chemical Romance), with All The Young about to embark on a run of 11 dates with the Kaiser Chiefs which will then be followed by their own headline tour.

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HOP ON THE BUS

THE second Junior Magpies away trip of the season will see the Club's youngest supporters going to watch Newcastle in Premier League action against Wigan Athletic at the DW Arena on Saturday 28th April (3pm kick-off).

The package once again includes travel from The Sports Direct Arena on the morning of the game, match tickets, and travel back to Newcastle immediately after the game.

There will be entertainment on the coach both on the way there and the way back, in the form of competitions and DVDs.

As a special added bonus, one lucky Junior Magpie Member who books onto the trip will be selected at random

to be our mascot for the game and will lead United out with our captain.

The trip is open to all Junior Magpies under the age of 15, and the package is for one Junior Magpie and one accompanying adult. Junior Magpies cannot attend this trip on their own.

We are offering the package at the great price of £79 each, and early booking is advised as places are limited. Our last trip to Manchester City was extremely popular and sold out very quickly.

Packages can be booked either in person at the Box Office at The Sports Direct Arena, or over the phone on: 0844 372 1892.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN

IT'S a happy belated birthday to John Alcock, who at today's game hoping for the perfect present as United take on Bolton wanderers in the Barclays Premier League.

Best wishes come from all of the family, and from everyone here at Newcastle United, we hope you have great day John.



CHELSEA

OUR away trip to Chelsea, which was originally penciled in for Saturday 14th April, will now take place next month, during the penultimate week of the season.

The new date for the Stamford Bridge clash is Wednesday 2nd May (kick-off 7:45pm), and was moved due to the Blues' involvement in this season's FA Cup competition.



MANCHESTER CITY ON TV

OUR final home game of the season against high-flying Manchester City has been selected for broadcast by Sky Sports – our 20th live game of the 2011/12 campaign.

The potentially crucial match against Roberto Mancini's title chasers will now take place at the Sports Direct Arena on Sunday 6th May, with a 1:30pm kick-off.

ON YOUR BIKE

FORMER Southampton striker Steve Moran dropped in at the Sports Direct Arena last week as part of a whistle-stop cycling tour taking in 26 stadiums and collecting 26 signed shirts in 21 days.

The 1,400-mile trip, named the Premiership Pedalathon 2012 Challenge, sees the ex-forward cycle to all 20 Premiership clubs plus Wembley Stadium. Moran is also visiting each club he played for (Southampton, Leicester, Reading, Exeter City and Hull), with the epic journey culminating with a final pedal push into Hull City's KC Stadium for the home game against Nottingham Forest on Saturday 21st April.

The shirts will then be auctioned off at a gala dinner for four chosen charities; The Connor Lancaster Trust, Action Duchenne, the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign and Martin House Hospice, with all money raised being split four ways.



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MATT GOES THE EXTRA MILE

A TEAMMATE of former Newcastle United and Bolton Wanderers midfielder Gary Speed is fundraising for charity in his memory.

Matt Jones, from Llanelli, played with Gary at Leeds United and in the Welsh national side. To raise money for good causes, he ran a half marathon around the pitch at Swansea City's Liberty Stadium ahead of our Premier League clash on Friday.

And it is not the only fund-raising activity Matt has undertaken or has planned. His own football career was cut short by a spinal injury and he was already planning to run the London Marathon to raise funds for the Spinal Injuries Association when Gary died.

Matt vowed to increase his fund-raising efforts in tribute to his friend and is now also raising funds for the John Hartson Foundation and the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation – two charities which Gary supported.

Matt says: "I'm dedicating this year to Gary's memory and doing whatever I can to raise money for charity.

"I want to do something to show much he meant to me and to help causes which I know meant a lot to him.

"Gary ran the London Marathon for the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation and I like to think I'm picking up the work he started."

In addition to Friday's half marathon at Swansea and the London Marathon, he plans to



run up and down Snowdonia (the highest mountain in Wales), host a fund-raising dinner, do a 24-hour static bike ride at a local Tesco and deliver each cheque in person to the three charities by bike.

To make a donation, please visit www.justgiving.com/mattjones7

THE BOY DIDN'T GUT

DANNY GUTHRIE HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE APPEARING FOR BOLTON AS A LOANEE FOUR SEASONS AGO. BUT HE PLAYED EUROPEAN FOOTBALL FOR THE TROTTERS THAT YEAR, AND NOW WANTS TO HELP UNITED ACHIEVE THE SAME FEAT...

WORDS: ANTHONY MARSHALL

EUROPEAN football is nothing new to Danny Guthrie, but having already experienced it before the United midfielder is desperate to get another taste of the action.

And, hot on the heels of the Premier League's top five, Guthrie admits Newcastle's current form has left them considering continental football next term as "the only option".

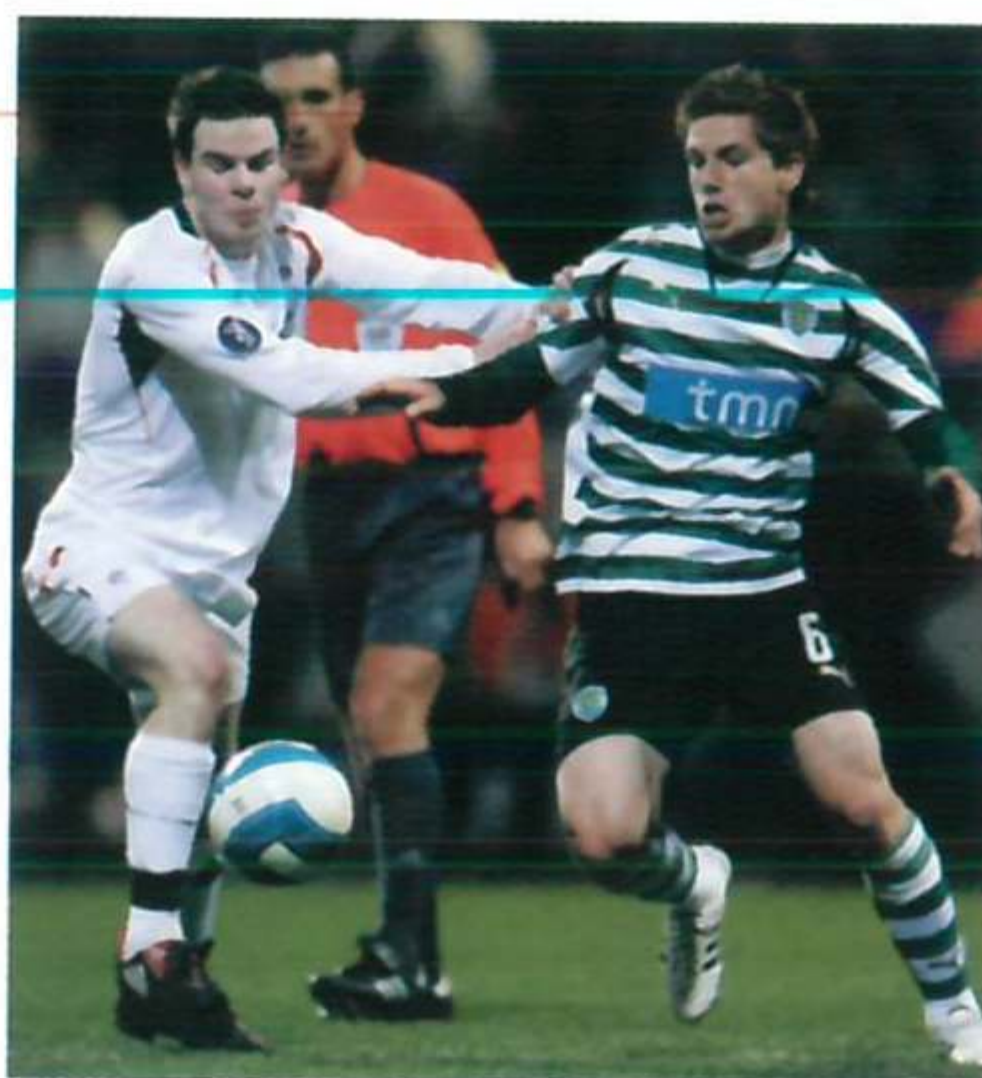
Bolton Wanderers are the visitors to the Sports Direct Arena this afternoon, with the Magpies determined to maintain their push for at least a place in the Europa League.

And the Trotters are a team who hold a firm place in Guthrie's affections, having given him regular game time as a teenager – including seven European appearances – and providing the

platform for his move to Tyneside nearly four years ago.

As a youngster who had come up through the ranks at Liverpool, Guthrie spent the whole of the 2007/08 season on loan at the Reebok Stadium, playing a key role in their memorable UEFA Cup run.

And now a regular in United boss Alan Pardew's plans, the 24-year-old is keen to test himself against the best in the business once again.



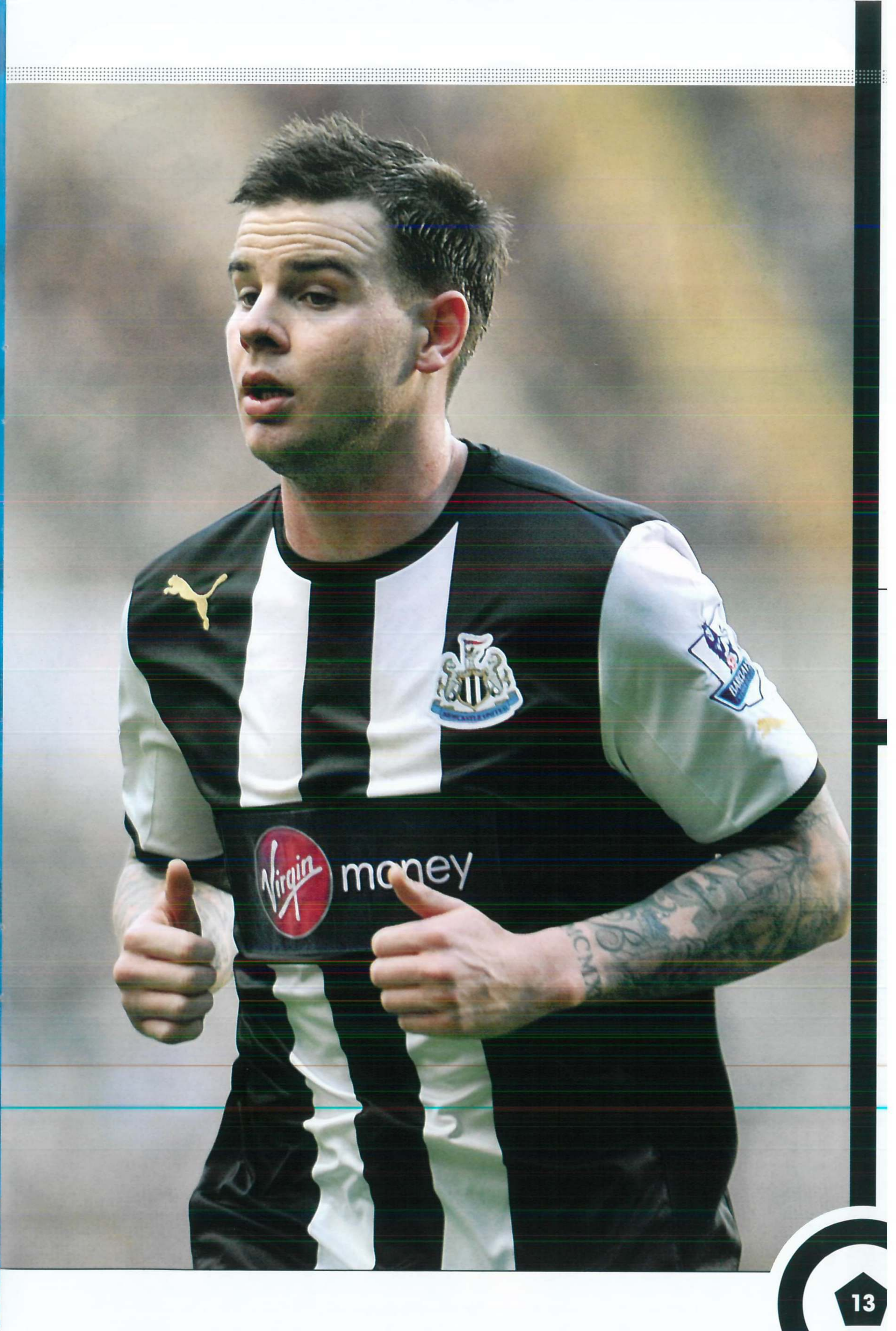
"I was at Bolton for a year on loan and it was a good time for me," Guthrie told the official matchday programme.

"I played a lot of games in that season and it got me the move to Newcastle, so I have fond memories of being there.

"It had a big impact on my development. I played a full Premier League season at the age of 19, so it put me in good stead. I enjoyed every minute of it, and the next season I went on to sign up here.

"It's disappointing to see Bolton struggling this season, but they've had a couple of important wins recently and I think they will have enough to survive.

"When I was there we reached the last 16 of the UEFA Cup against Sporting Lisbon, who went on to get beaten by Rangers in the quarter-finals. It was a great opportunity for



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us, but we just fell short.

"It was brilliant to be playing in Europe as a teenager and I have some great memories.

"I remember we played Bayern Munich in the group stage, we played over there in the Allianz Arena and we got a 2-2 draw, which was fantastic. I'll never forget that.

"Of course it's something that I would love to experience again.

"Every player would love to, and it's maybe something we didn't see ourselves doing at the start of the season.

"In all honesty we were hoping for a solid top-ten finish, but as the season's gone on we've gone from strength to strength and Europe seems the only option for us."

Switching to a 4-3-3 formation in recent weeks has paid dividends for United with successive victories

over Norwich, West Bromwich Albion and Liverpool, prior to their Good Friday clash at Swansea.

With Guthrie impressively pulling the strings in the middle of the park and a forward trio of Demba Ba, Papiss Cisse and Hatem Ben Arfa terrorising opposition defences, the Magpies look a match for anyone right now.

"Three wins on the bounce is something that we haven't done all season, and with it being in the last ten games it was a great time to do it – probably the most important," admitted Guthrie.

"And beating a side like Liverpool as convincingly as we did last Sunday has given us a bit more belief.

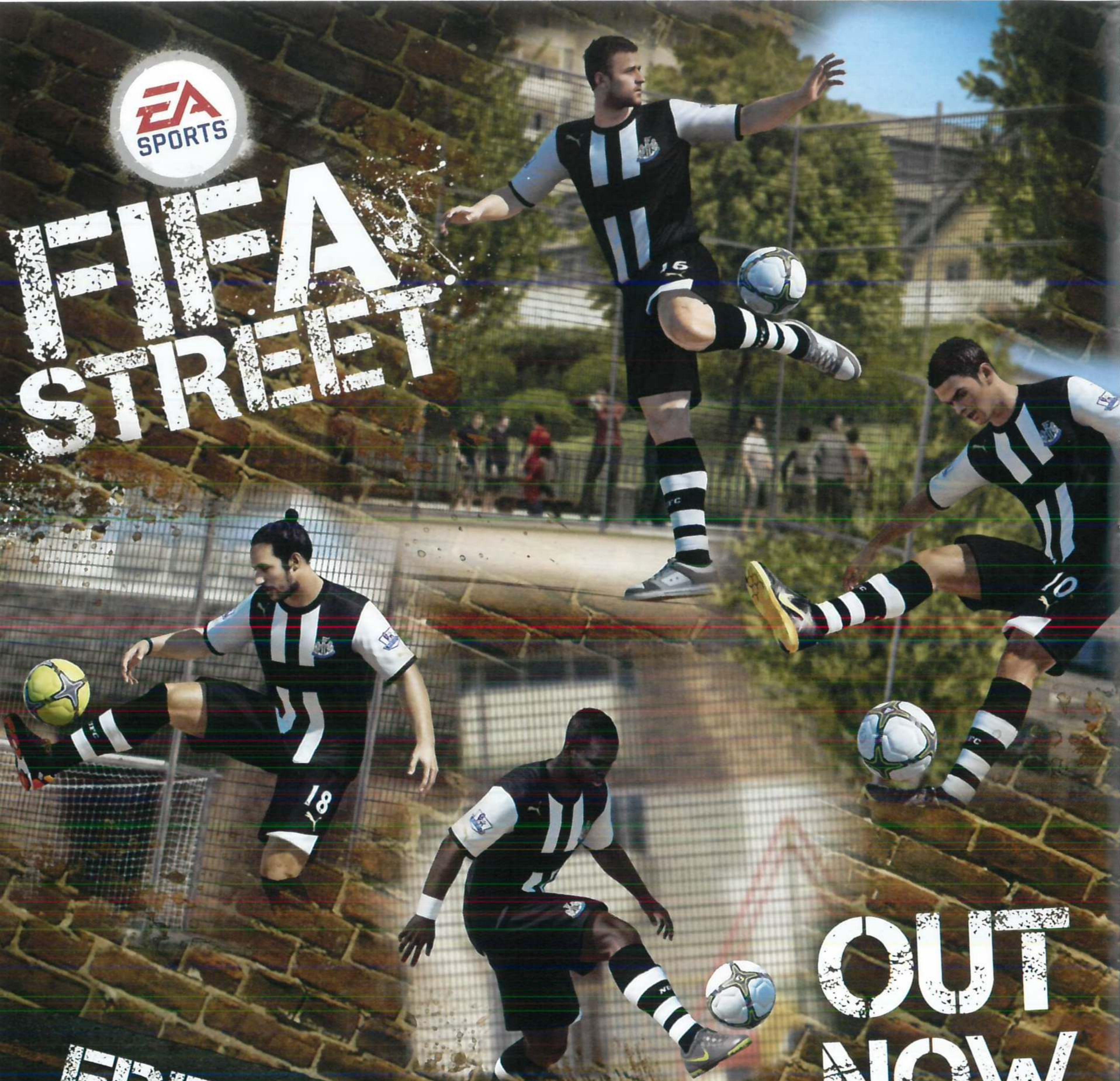
"Against Liverpool was the first time that myself, Yohan (Cabaye) and Cheick (Tiote) had all played together in midfield, and in the first



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half we totally dominated.

"The three of us really complement each other well. Our styles are all different, but we had more possession, won our battles, won the second balls and were really dominant.

"It gives me and Yohan a little bit more freedom. You know Cheick is going to sit, so as long as you've got a good shape when you haven't got the ball, when we do get it we can get forward.

"And the boys up front are flying at the moment. The formation suits them – they get a lot of freedom, they work very hard

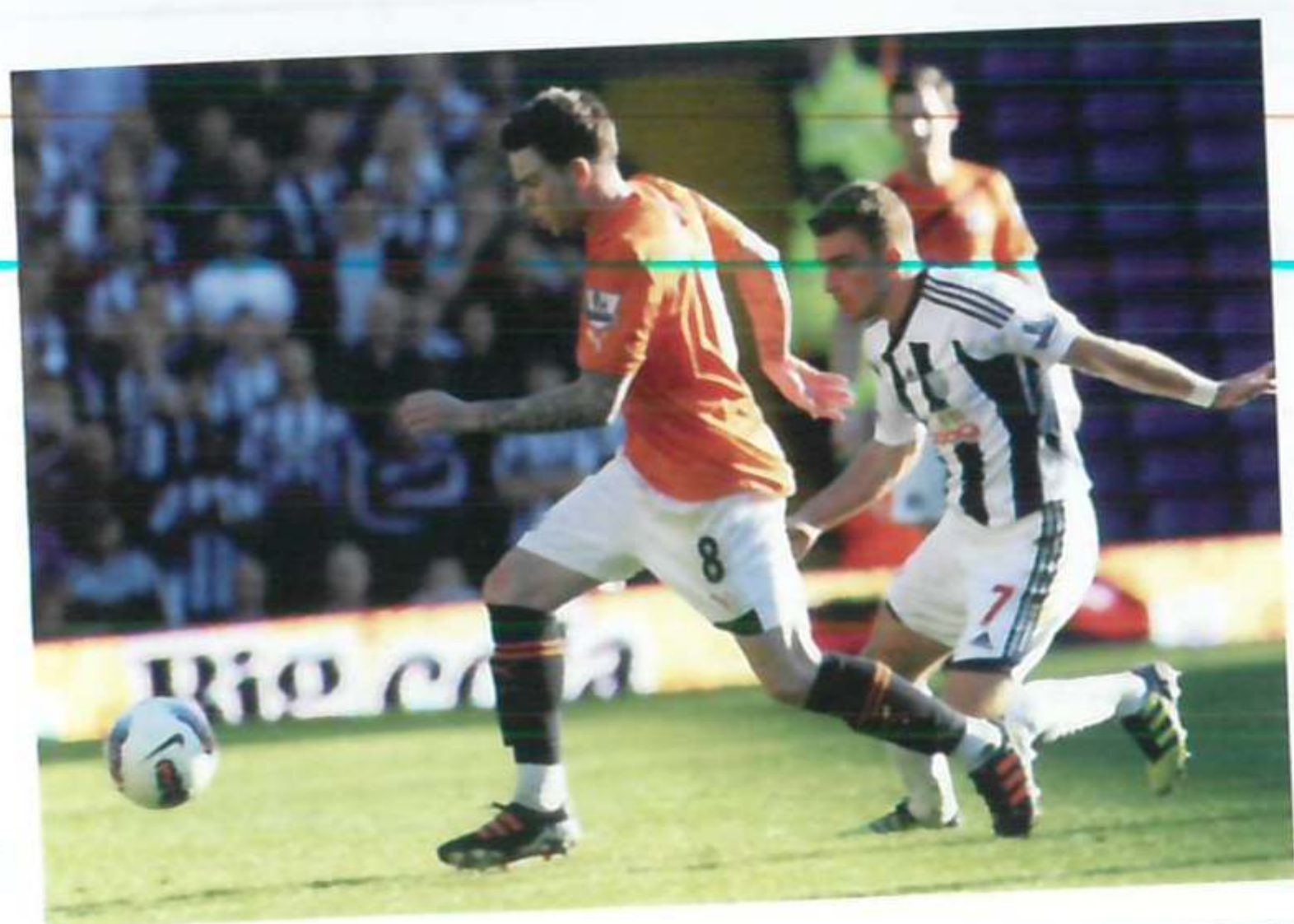
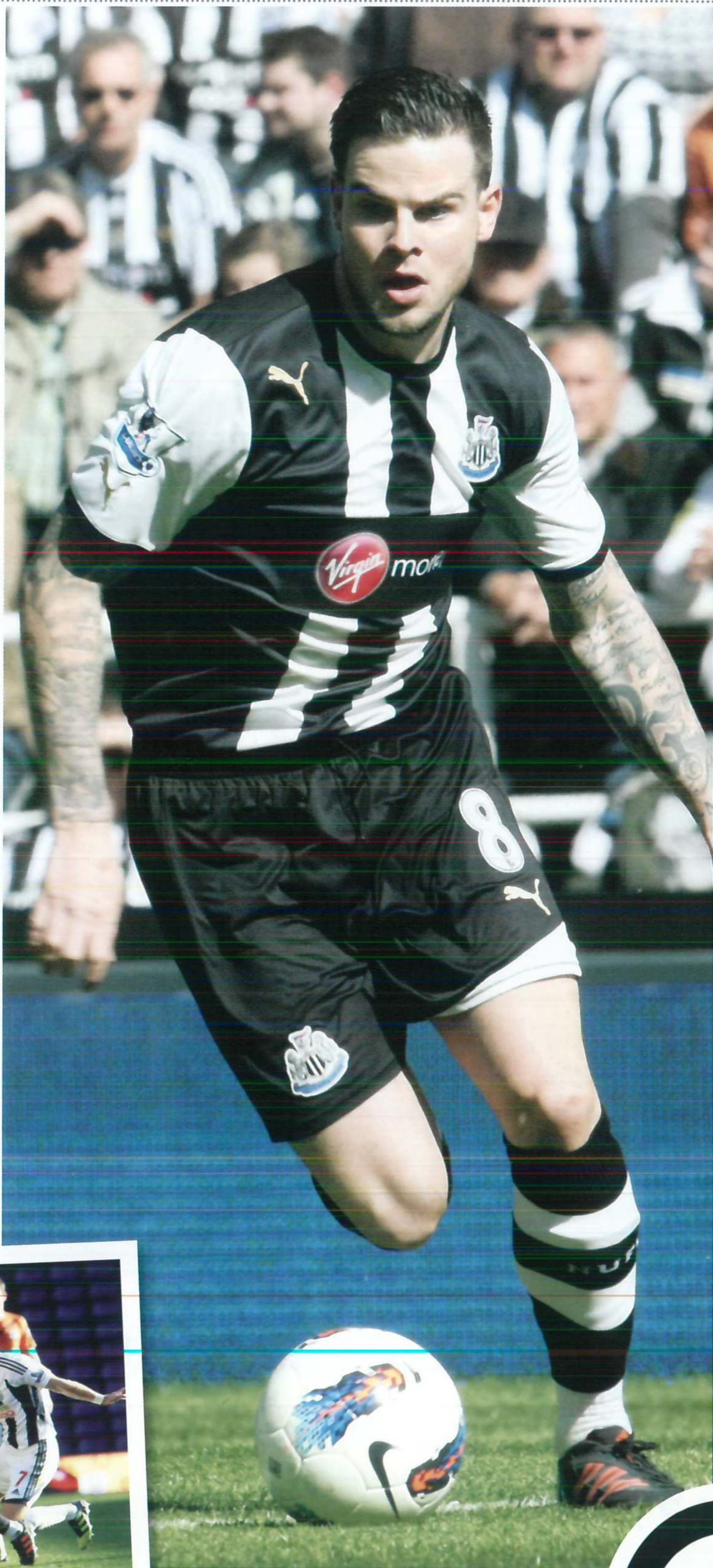
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for the team and there are goals in all three of them.

"They are going to cause any team problems, as they have already shown, and as long as we win our battle in midfield it's just a case of giving them the ball and letting them do their stuff."

Ba, Cisse and Ben Arfa certainly turned on the style against Liverpool and West Brom, but it was a much more workmanlike performance which saw off Norwich last month at the Sports Direct Arena.

However, Guthrie believes that proves United can adapt to any circumstance and cope with everything that is thrown their way.



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"We've shown a lot of qualities in the last few weeks," said the midfielder.

"The Norwich game was a tough, edgy affair which we got through and ground out a win.

"Then at West Brom we put in a great, counter-attacking away performance, and we followed that up by totally dominating Liverpool from start to finish. Everyone won their battles and it was a great result.

"We're hitting form at just the right time. We spoke about the last ten games being probably the ten most important of our season.

"It's not a bad run-in we've got either. We've got some home games that you would like to think we should win.

"There's a couple of tough away games, but the confidence and the fluidity of our side means that we look like scoring every time we attack. And we look very solid as well.

"It's the business end of the season and we set ourselves targets – to get into the Europa League – and our recent form has put us in a great position for that."

'PUTTING THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE'

DANNY Guthrie is delighted to see close friend and Bolton midfielder Fabrice Muamba on the mend.

The Wanderers star suffered a cardiac arrest midway through their FA Cup quarter-final tie at Tottenham on 17th March.

Muamba was given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and 15 defibrillator shocks before being rushed to the intensive care unit of the heart attack centre at the London Chest Hospital.

But less than two weeks after suffering his collapse, the player's family Tweeted a photo of the 23-year-old sat up and smiling.

And, ahead of this afternoon's game against Bolton, Guthrie hailed the miraculous recovery of

his former international roommate.

"Fabrice is a personal friend of mine and it was quite disturbing to see what happened during that game," Guthrie told the official matchday programme.

"I was in the same England set-up as him when we were younger, and we actually roomed together.

"The few days after the incident were not very nice at all, just waiting to hear updates on his condition.

"It puts everything into perspective. Nothing is more important than someone's health and the whole of football recognises that.

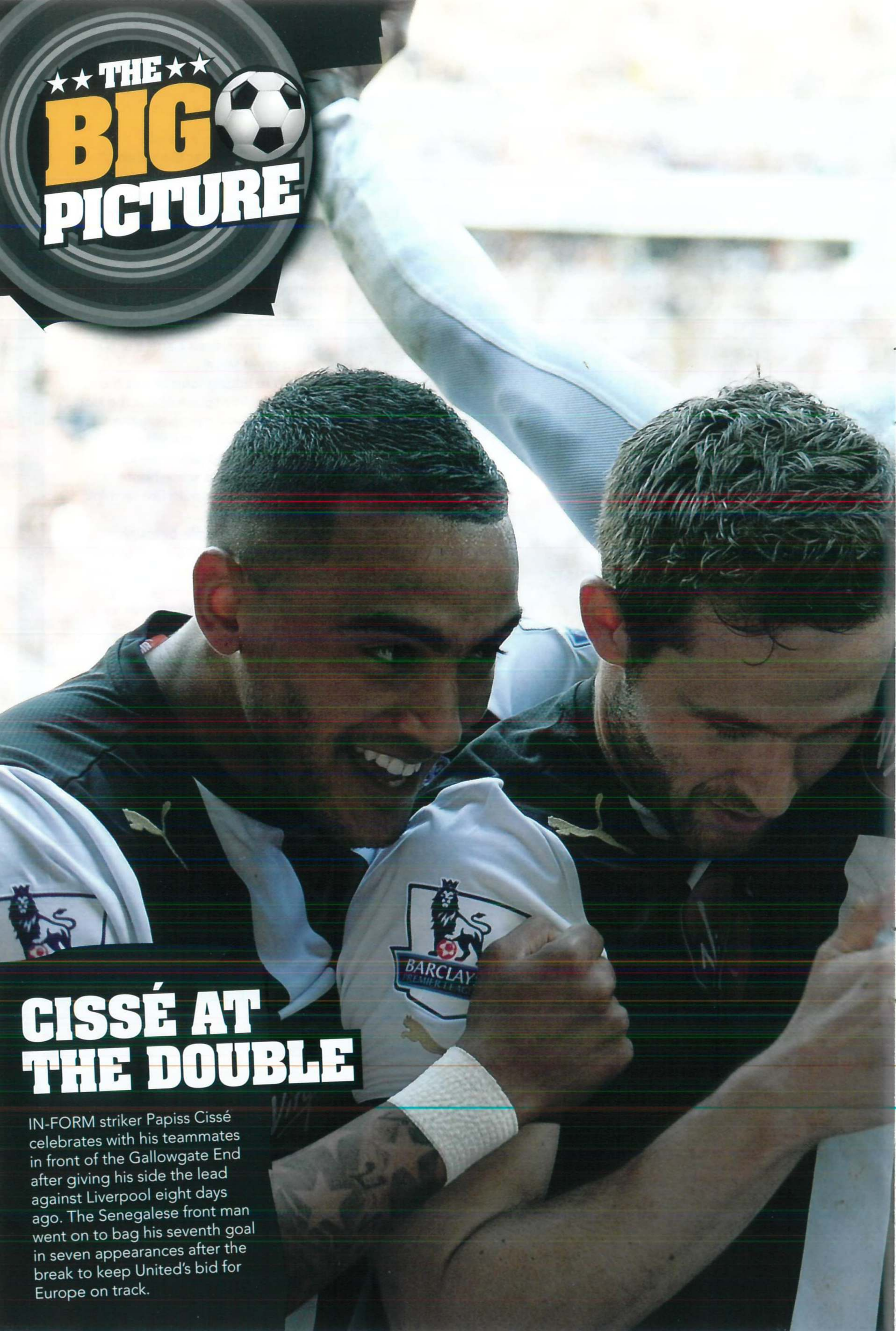
"The reaction from fans and players of all clubs, not only in England but across the world too, has been amazing.



"His recovery has been unbelievable so far. He's so mentally strong, physically strong and is a lovely lad as well.

"He gets on with everyone, is really down to earth, polite and well-mannered, and obviously a very good player as well."

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BIG PICTURE



CISSÉ AT THE DOUBLE

IN-FORM striker Papiss Cissé celebrates with his teammates in front of the Gallowgate End after giving his side the lead against Liverpool eight days ago. The Senegalese front man went on to bag his seventh goal in seven appearances after the break to keep United's bid for Europe on track.





WILLO CALLS FOR CALM

AFTER BEATING LIVERPOOL IN OUR LAST HOME GAME, TALK OF EUROPEAN FOOTBALL NEXT SEASON HAS INTENSIFIED OVER THE PAST WEEK, BUT AS CENTRAL-DEFENDER MIKE WILLIAMSON EXPLAINS, THERE'S NO SUCH CHATTER IN THE UNITED DRESSING ROOM...

WORDS: DAN SHERIDAN

AN IMPRESSIVE WIN OVER LIVERPOOL MIKE – WHAT WERE YOUR THOUGHTS AFTER THE GAME?

Well, I thought we deserved it. In the end it looked like we'd won quite comfortably, but the lads worked very hard for the whole 90 minutes and it's that hard work that earned us all three points.

It's always nice to get a clean sheet and I thought we defended fantastically well, so it was a very pleasing afternoon all round. They have some top-quality players, but we were more than a match for them.

We knew that whatever team Liverpool put out, they would be littered with superstars and real quality, so it didn't really matter who was in their starting XI last weekend.

MUCH OF THE TALK BEFORE THE GAME SURROUNDED THE ABSENCE OF COLO, BUT BOTH YOURSELF AND PERCHY DID EXCEPTIONALLY WELL...

It was up to us to keep their goal threat at bay and create chances and score goals at the other end of the pitch. Thankfully we managed to do that and overall we kept them pretty quiet.

Me and Perchy are close and I think that showed against Liverpool.

We've got each other's backs and we are friends off the pitch, so it was doubly satisfying to win and keep them at bay like we did.

THE MATCH RIGHTLY SPARKED PLENTY OF PLAUDITS FOR JAMES PERCH AS WELL AS FOR YOURSELF. HOW GOOD HAS HE BEEN IN RECENT WEEKS?

We were both delighted after the game. Perchy came in and did a great job against top-class opposition and he has been one of our best players over the last few games, so all credit to him.

You know what you're going to get with him. He's honest, he works hard and he's got real quality, and the fans are now seeing exactly what he's all about. He's a great player to have in our squad.





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Behind the scenes he's been working hard ever since he arrived here, and though he hasn't always been in the team, he knew his chance would come along and he's taken it brilliantly.

Hopefully Colo will be fit again soon and when he is, it will be a nice selection headache for the manager to have. As a back four we've gelled all season, no matter who was playing, so that can only be a good thing.

YOU ALSO PICKED UP THE MAN-OF-THE-MATCH AWARD AFTER THE GAME. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN A GOOD FEELING?

It was. We knew we would come under pressure at some point in the game, because you expect it when you face a team like Liverpool. They asked a few questions in the first half but we saw it out and stayed strong both mentally and physically.

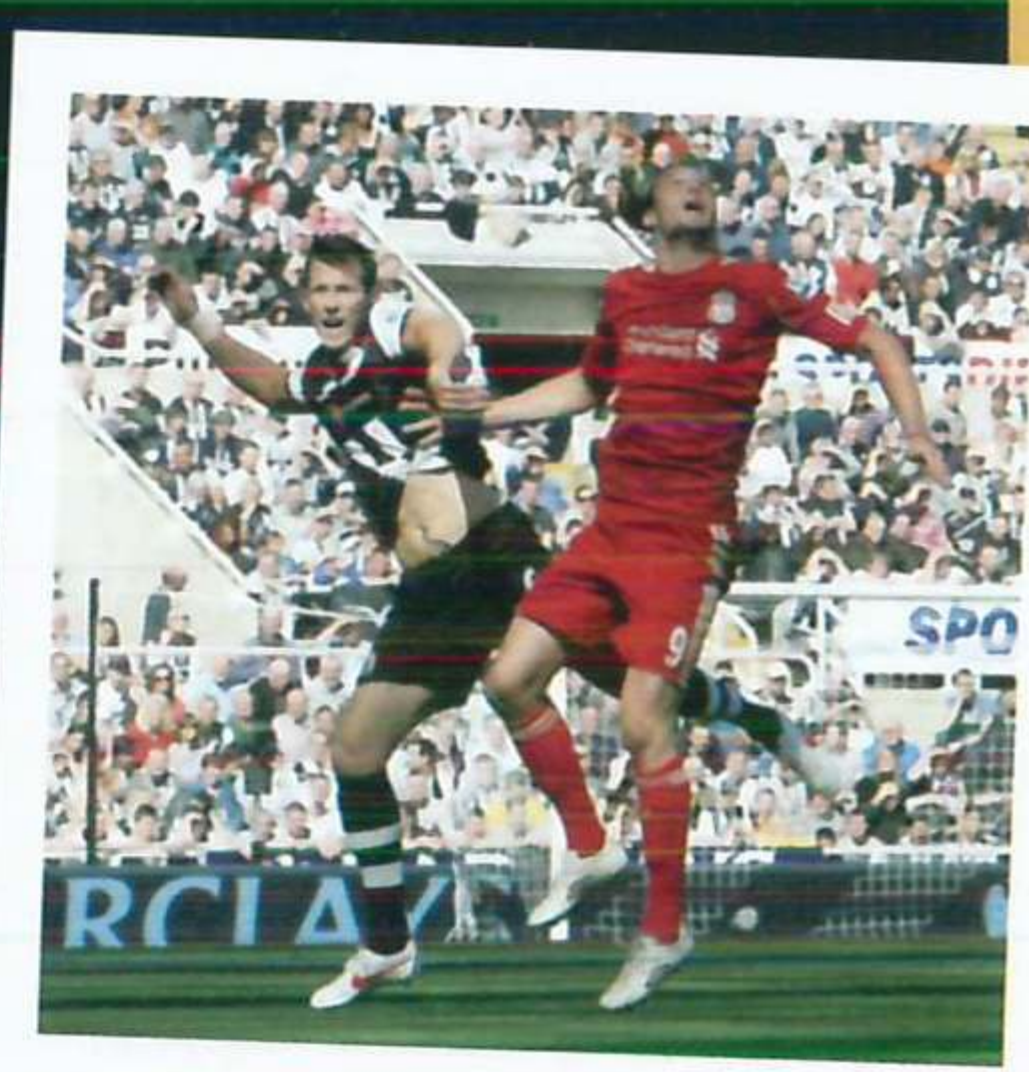
We knew we were going to have a tough job and as a team and as a unit we covered a lot of ground. But from the front I thought we defended fantastically and we got our just rewards.

THE GAME MARKED OUR THIRD WIN ON THE BOUNCE, AND IT SEEMS THE TEAM ARE HITTING FORM AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME...

We've got a good momentum at the moment, but we feel like it's what we've been doing all season long. We're an honest group of lads, we work hard and we play for each other, and that's a good mix to have.

At this stage, much like it has been for the entire season, it's about preparing for the next game. Regardless of what has happened in the previous fixture, we're a down-to-earth group and we take things one game at a time.

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AT THE OTHER END OF THE PITCH, WHAT HAVE YOU MADE OF PAPPIS CISSÉ'S BLISTERING FORM SINCE ARRIVING IN JANUARY?

Papiss is a fantastic outlet when you need to put the ball in the channel and he works his socks off. He's also got genuine quality in front of goal, as we've already seen, and that's great for the team at this stage of the season.

He made his second goal against Liverpool look very simple, but we all knew it wasn't. That's what he's capable of, but he puts a lot of work into his game and they're the rewards that he gets.

AND SPEAKING OF GOALS, YOU CAME AGONISINGLY CLOSE TO OPENING YOUR NEWCASTLE ACCOUNT AGAINST LIVERPOOL...

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Well, it's not my job to score goals, and keeping clean-sheets as a defender is what it's all about. But of course it would be nice to chip in with a couple here and there.

It was a bit frustrating because I'm still searching for my first goal for the Club, but I'm getting closer all the time and hopefully we won't have to wait too long.

It wasn't meant to be against Liverpool and I hit the post, but when I get one, hopefully a few will come along at once.

THE GAME WAS ALSO YOUR 16TH CONSECUTIVE START. YOU MUST BE PLEASED WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING?

Yeah, it's always nice to play in as many games as you can and I'm really enjoying it this season. I've had a good run in the team since the Christmas period but I'm constantly trying to improve.

But it's about the team and as players we prepared properly for the double-header over the Bank Holiday weekend and we're all set for today's game. There aren't many fixtures left this season and we want to go out on a high.

WHAT'S THE FEELING AMONG THE SQUAD AT THE MOMENT? HAVE YOU BEGUN TO THINK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF EUROPEAN FOOTBALL?

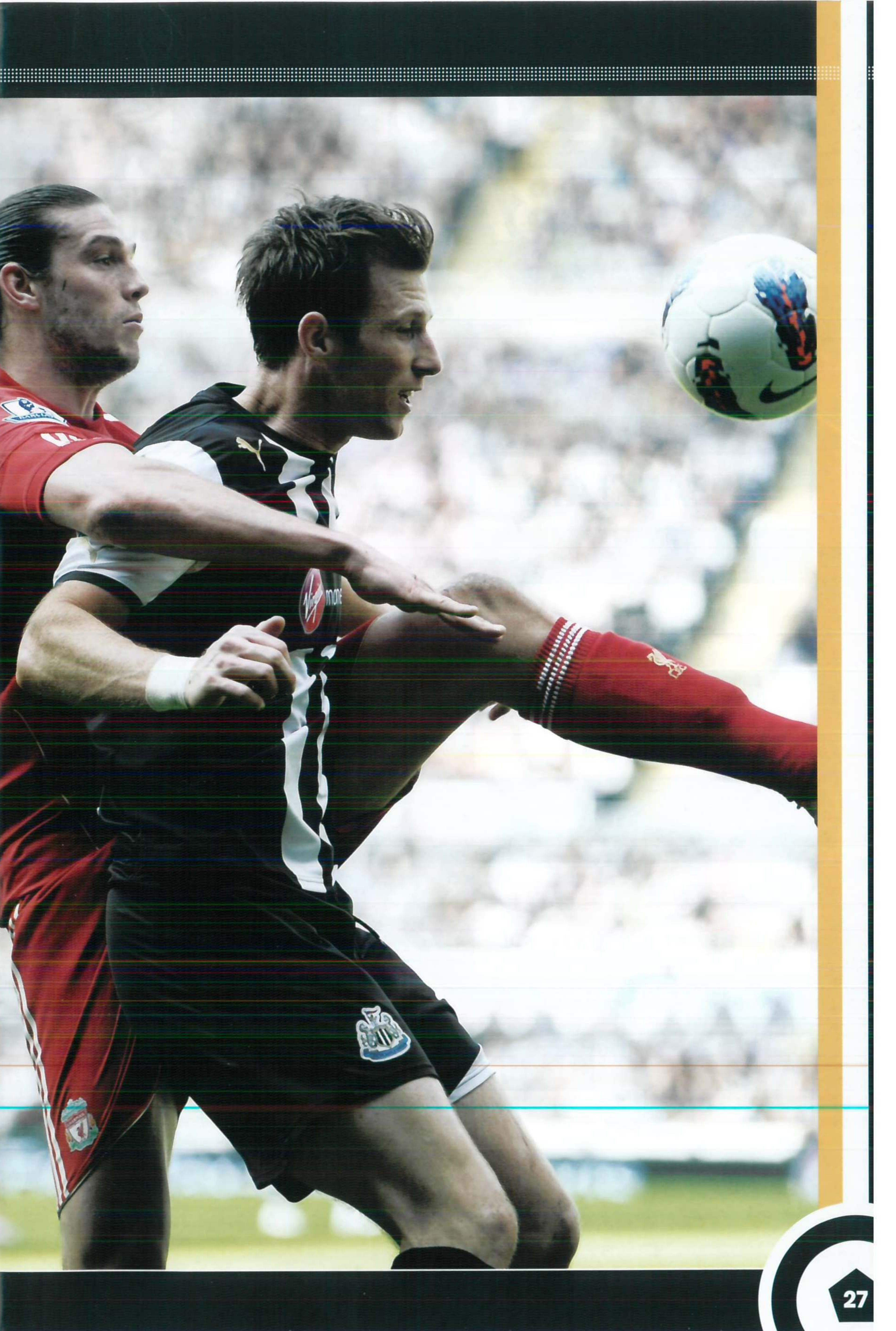
The end is in sight, that's for sure, but there hasn't been any talk of Europe in the dressing room. We'll look at it if it is something that is possible in the last couple of games,

but until then, we've just got to keep our heads down and keep going. There are a few more games to play and a lot of work to be done.

As the saying goes, it's not over 'til it's over, and at the end of the season we'll have plenty of time to look back on days like the Liverpool game and smile. But at the minute, it's all about our preparation for the next match because we can't get too far ahead of ourselves.

We have to avoid complacency and we have an honesty in the group that will allow us to do that. As players, we put 100 per cent into every game and that has to be the case for the remaining six games of the season.





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THE 2011/12 season is almost at an end, and after the visit of Bolton Wanderers this afternoon, there are just two games left at the Sports Direct Arena – one of which is against Stoke City.

In the reverse fixture back in October, Toon striker Demba Ba grabbed all the headlines with a sensational hat-trick at the Britannia Stadium in a game that saw United run out 3-1 winners.

But as the likes of Manchester City and Tottenham have discovered in recent weeks, Stoke can never be taken lightly, and with Peter Crouch on top form, they will arrive on a revenge mission in just under two weeks.

It all adds up to what should be an exciting afternoon on Tyneside, so to be in with a chance of winning a pair of tickets to the game on Saturday 21st

April (3pm kick-off), simply answer the following question:

WHICH FORMER NEWCASTLE DEFENDER CURRENTLY WEARS THE NUMBER 39 SHIRT AT STOKE?

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- B) ANDY O'BRIEN**
- C) AARON HUGHES**

If you think you know the answer, email A, B or C to: editor@nufc.co.uk with Stoke Ticket Competition in the subject line. Please remember to include your name, address and a contact telephone number.

Closing date for entries is 5pm on Thursday 19th April. Good luck!

THE NEWCASTLE UNITED LOTTERY



UNITED'S PLAYERS PICK TEN NUMBERS AT RANDOM FROM A POSSIBLE 49 AND ANSWER THE RESULTING QUESTIONS. NEXT UP, WINGER **GABRIEL OBERTAN**, WHO TELLS US ABOUT BUS TRIPS, BACK PAIN AND UNDERSTANDING HATEM...

19 WHICH NEWCASTLE PLAYER HAS THE WORST TASTE IN MUSIC?

I wouldn't say it's the worst, but because it's so different it has to be Jonas Gutierrez.

It's Latino, loud and he keeps singing as well, so it's not the best way to make us enjoy his music.

We let him put it on in the changing room, and when he sings he thinks he's alone but he's not. So we all hear him, but we can't say anything.

49 WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED PUBLIC TRANSPORT?

I was still in Bordeaux and it was just before I got my driving licence, so I would have been 19-years-old.

It was funny – I was already a professional so people would stare at me or take pictures of me thinking I didn't realise.

People always asked me why I was on the bus because I had been playing for three years. They just assumed I had a car, but I didn't – I was quite late in getting my licence.



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14 WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE STADIUM TO PLAY AT?

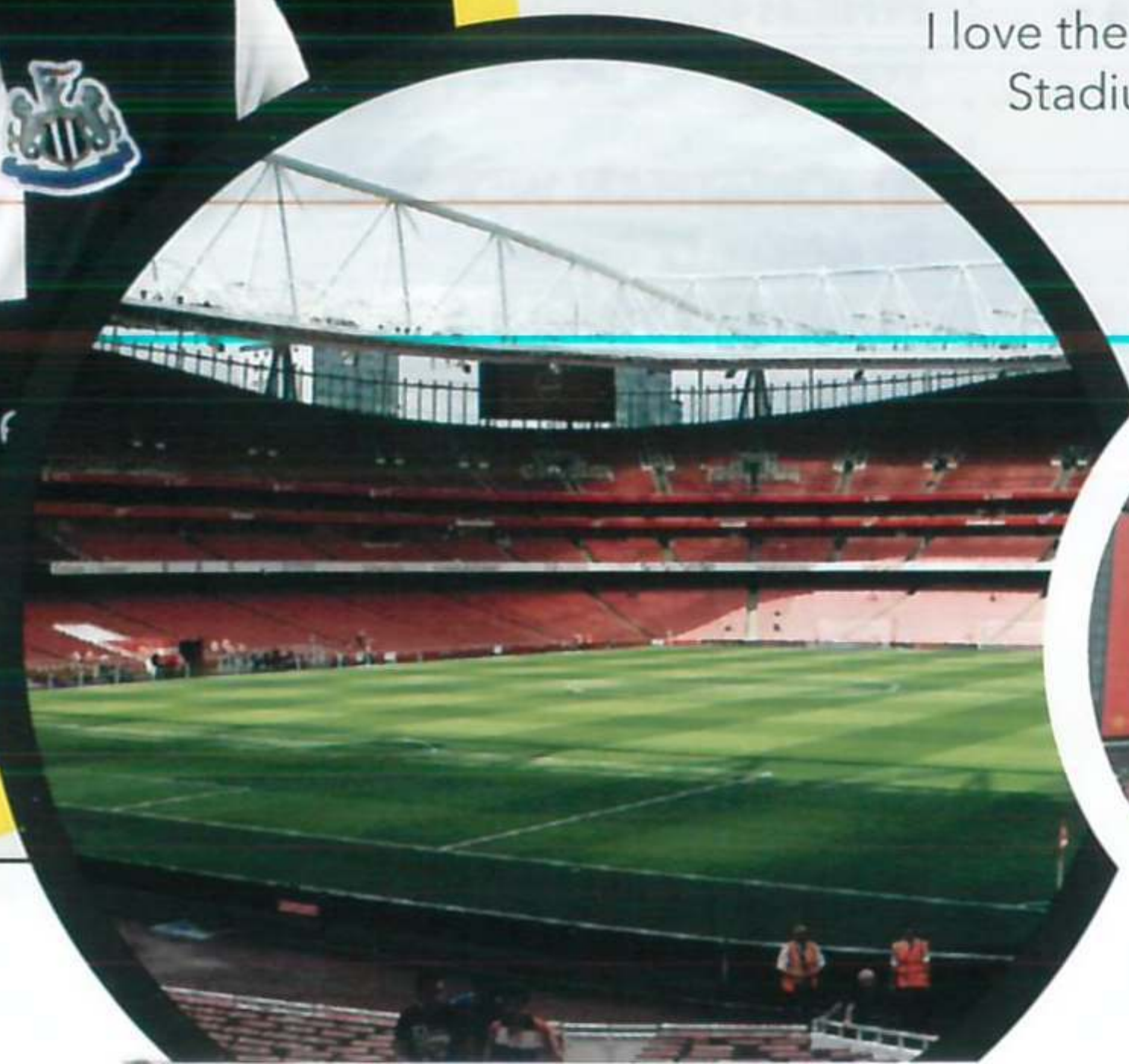
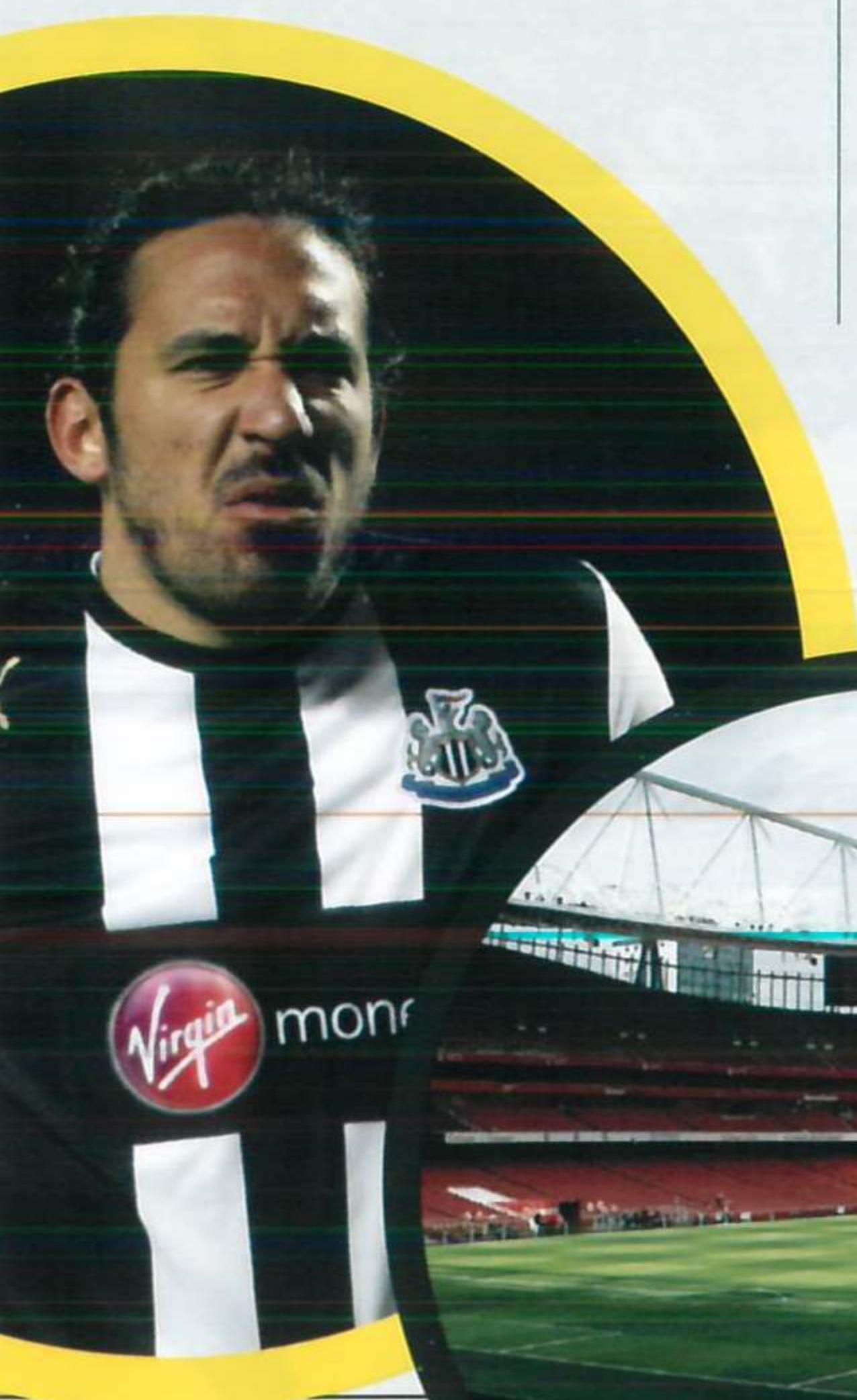
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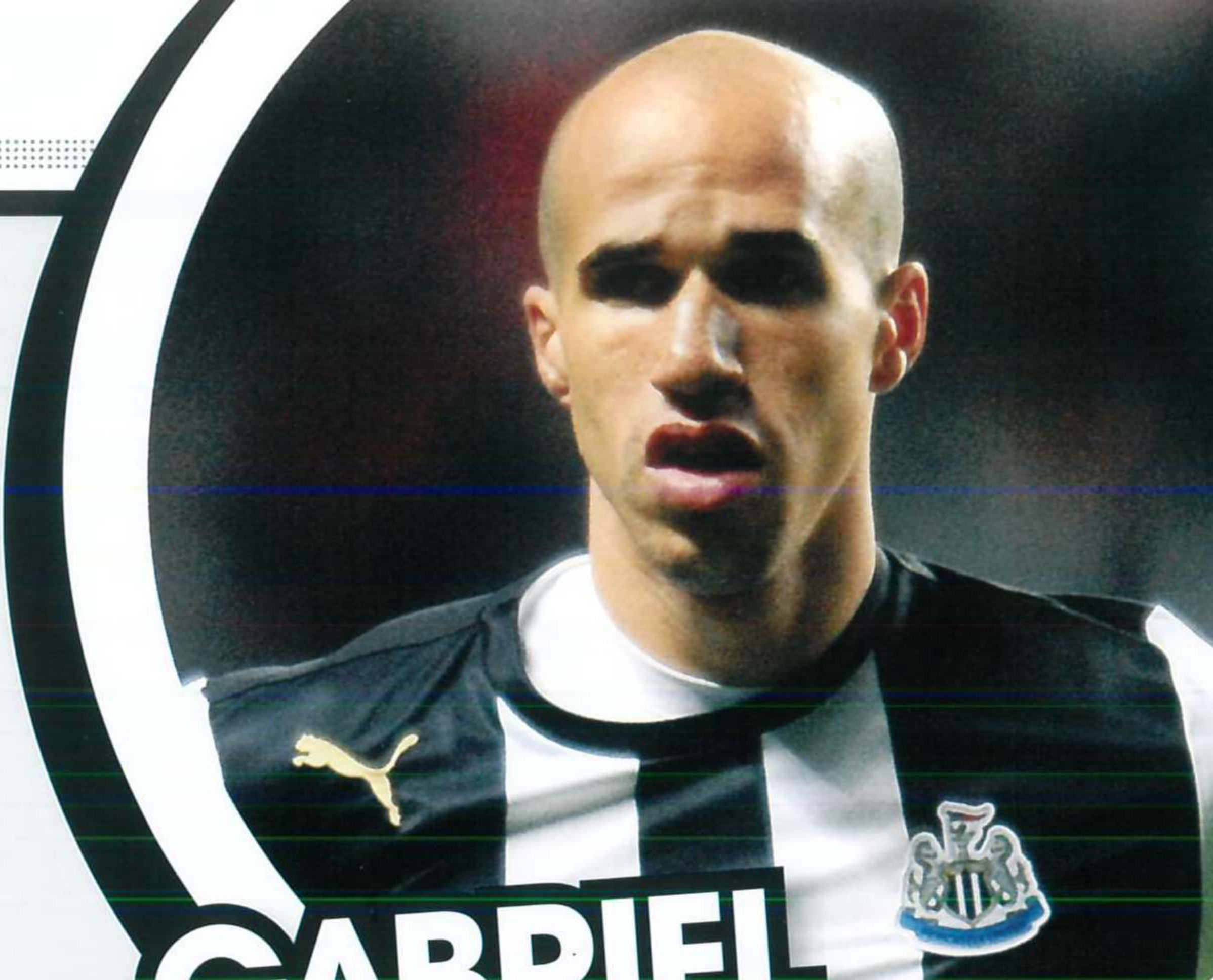
where Arsenal play. That is the nicest one. Everything about it is really nice and the pitch is unbelievable.

Then there's Manchester United, which will always be special to me because I played two years there.

And now our stadium here in Newcastle. It's amazing. I knew it was a big stadium and a big club when I arrived, but I didn't know to what extent.

When I first played here the atmosphere and passion was crazy, and I love that.





GABRIEL OBERTAN

44 WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE FILM?

That would be *Man On Fire*, with Denzel Washington. I must have watched it about 1,000 times.

Every time I want to watch something and don't know what to watch, I put it on. I know all the lines and everything! It's a great film.

I'm quite easy-going with movies. Every time I go and see one I enjoy it, so it must be really, really bad if I don't want to go!



2 WHICH ONE PLAYER DO YOU HATE PLAYING AGAINST?

Patrice Evra. We played for two years together at Manchester United in training, and he knows me very well.

He's a good friend of mine as well, so it's quite hard to play against that kind of person.

Firstly, he's a really good player and then when you get to know someone it can be even harder.

Sometimes you just smile on the pitch and have a laugh when the ball is out, so it's quite hard to play against friends.



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37 WHAT'S THE BEST BIRTHDAY PRESENT YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?



It must have been when I was a kid, because birthdays and presents don't really matter now.

It probably was my first CD from my mum – I remember being quite happy with that. It was 'Born To Do It' by Craig David.

I like music and am really interested in it, so I was happy when I got that. I used to love Craig David, and his single 'Seven Days' was big in France.

5 WHICH NEWCASTLE PLAYER HAS THE BEST/WORST BANTER?

The best banter is probably Besty. He always makes me laugh, even when he says nothing.

And the worst is tough because, I know I've been in England for three years now, but sometimes the sense of humour is difficult to understand.

But I will say Hatem for worst banter. Sometimes he is just out of context. He will say stuff which isn't funny but people will laugh because he's speaking in English and his English isn't the best.

33 WHAT IS THE WORST INJURY YOU'VE HAD?

I think it was my back. It wasn't the most painful, but I was out for six months.

I had just signed for Manchester United. I signed injured and I had to

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wait half-a-year before I could train and play with them.

I couldn't feel a thing – it was pain-free – but I couldn't run or do anything. According to the doctor it was broken and I had to rest a lot.

It was quite boring to see the players going out for training every day when I was stuck inside having treatment. These kind of injuries are frustrating.

46 YOU ARE HOLDING A DINNER PARTY FOR FIVE PEOPLE, DEAD OR ALIVE. WHO DO YOU INVITE?

Denzel Washington, Tracy Morgan (American comedian), Lil Wayne, Kobe Bryant and my dad.

28 IF SOMEONE WAS TO MAKE A FILM ABOUT YOUR LIFE, WHO WOULD PLAY YOU?

Probably Vin Diesel. We kind of look alike and we are both very strong, so definitely him!



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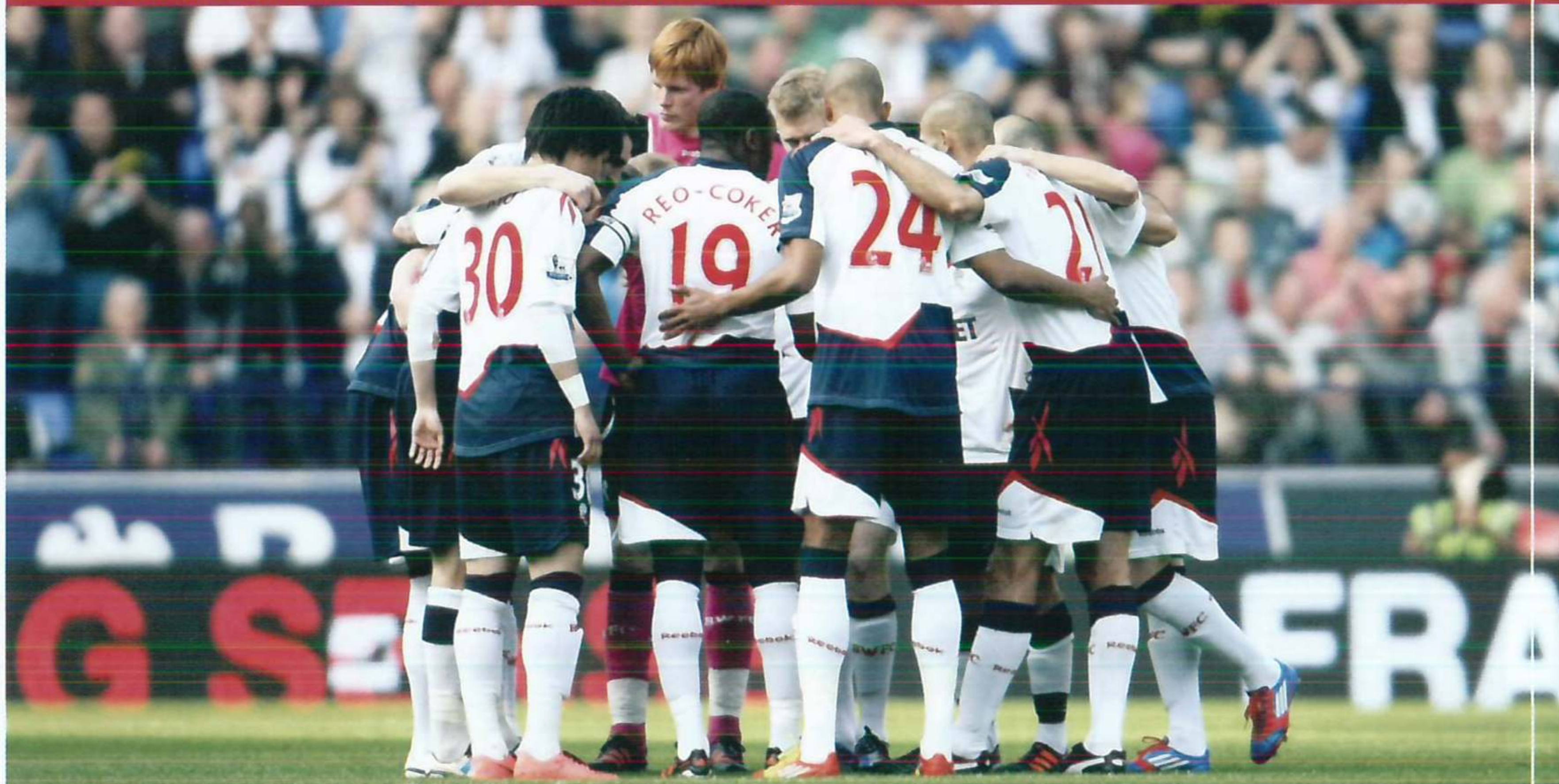
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BOLTON WANDERERS



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DESPITE struggling over the course of the current campaign, Bolton have won praise from certain quarters for their insistence on getting the ball down and playing – a trait championed by their popular manager Owen Coyle.

And if current form is anything to go by, that perseverance could be the one thing that keeps them in the Barclays Premier League after three crucial wins on the bounce against Wolves, Blackburn and QPR.

Such is the nature of this season's relegation battle, however, top-flight status may be a matter that remains undecided until the final day – a reality that Wanderers

haven't dealt with since 2008.

But after some clever business in the January transfer window that saw centre-back Tim Ream replace Chelsea-bound Gary Cahill and the loan signing of exciting winger Ryo Miyaichi from Arsenal, hope springs eternal at the Reebok.

After a difficult run before Christmas that saw Bolton pick up just four points from a possible 24 from mid-November onwards, 2012 has offered far more promise for the Trotters and their fans.

Victories over Merseyside pair Everton and Liverpool in the New Year were the perfect tonic for

Coyle and Co, and well-earned points against the likes of Arsenal and Swansea merely added to the sense of hopefulness.

Their final six

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fixtures after today's encounter on Tyneside could have been a lot harsher on the Lancashire outfit, but after the reverse fixture with Newcastle on Boxing Day, they'll be well aware of the threat posed by Alan Pardew's men.

United left the North-West with a 2-0 win over the Festive period thanks to quick-fire goals from Hatem Ben Arfa and Demba Ba, though they'll be wary of a Wanderers smash and grab this afternoon.



CLUBSTATS

Formed: 1874**Nickname:** The Trotters**Ground:** Reebok Stadium**Capacity:** 28,101**Honours:** Division One

champions: 1997; Division Two

champions: 1909, 1978; Division

Three champions: 1973; FA Cup

winners: 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958;

Sherpa Van Trophy winners: 1989

Last season: Premier League, 14thCLUB COLOURS
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League	111	41	19	51	145	193
FA Cup	6	1	2	3	8	11
League Cup	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	117	42	21	54	153	204

LAST 6 GAMES PREMIER LEAGUE



31.03.2012

WOLVERHAMPTON W. (A)
WON 3-2

24.03.2012

BLACKBURN ROVERS (H)
WON 2-1

10.03.2012

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (H)
WON 2-1

03.03.2012

MANCHESTER CITY (A)
LOST 2-0

25.02.2012

CHELSEA (A)
LOST 3-0

11.02.2012

WIGAN ATHLETIC (H)
LOST 2-1

BETWEEN THE POSTS

ÁDÁM BOGDÁN

Age: 24 **Nationality:** Hungarian **Previous Club:** Vasas SC

Promoted to the role of Jussi Jaaskelainen's understudy following the departure of Ali Al Habsi to Wigan last summer, Bogdán has gone one better in recent weeks, taking his place in between the posts for Wanderers as the Finn recovered from a thigh injury. The Budapest-born stopper first arrived in the North-West back in 2007, but had to wait until the 2009/10 campaign to make his first appearance in English football – for Crewe Alexandra during a one-month loan spell. His bow for Bolton arrived during the following season against Southampton in the League Cup and since then he's done enough to earn his chance this term. Despite Jaaskelainen's return to fitness, the international, who has five caps, remains Owen Coyle's preferred choice after a string of good performances since the turn of the year.

IN THE MIDDLE

NIGEL REO-COKER

Age: 27 **Nationality:** English **Previous Club:** Aston Villa

The Trotters wasted little time in securing the services of Reo-Coker in July last year after the former England Under-21 skipper had left former club Aston Villa. Following his free-transfer move to Bolton, the central midfielder has filled in as captain in the absence of Kevin Davies this year and has brought an air of stability to Wanderers' engine room. Born in London, his professional breakthrough came at Wimbledon in the 2001/02 season and he later switched to West Ham, where he played under Alan Pardew and led the club to the FA Cup final in 2006. Within a year, however, Reo-Coker had made a big money move to Villa in a deal reportedly worth over £8 million, and during four years with the club he made over 100 appearances and played in Europe for the Midlands.

AT THE BACK

DAVID WHEATER

Age: 25 Nationality: English Previous Club: Middlesbrough



A former England Under-21 international, Redcar-born Wheeler is a product of Middlesbrough's academy, and was part of the team that won the FA Youth Cup in 2004. After moving up to the first team set-up at the age of 17, the central defender made over 150 appearances for the Teessiders in all competitions before switching to Bolton in the January transfer window last year. The former Darlington loanee got off to a flying start at the Reebok, and did not concede a goal for the first 345 minutes of his Wanderers career following clean-sheets in two FA Cup ties with Wigan and league games with Fulham and Everton. Ironically, the run came to an end when Kevin Nolan opened the scoring for Newcastle on 26th February in a game that eventually ended 1-1.

UP FRONT

DAVID NGOG

Age: 22 Nationality: French Previous Club: Liverpool



Another summer signing last year, Ngog signed on a three-year deal from Liverpool after three seasons with the Scousers. His career began at Paris Saint-Germain, not far from his home in the suburb of Gennevilliers, and during his time in the French capital the 6ft 2ins forward caught the eye of Rafael Benítez's scouting network and was soon on his way to Anfield. He chose the biggest stage of all to score his first goal for The Reds, netting in a 3-1 win over PSV Eindhoven in the Champions League, and the pacy frontman scored another 18 times in all competitions, including five in last season's Europa League. His chances became more and more limited following the arrival of Andy Carroll and Luis Suárez, but his move to Bolton has seen the former Under-21 international make over 30 appearances this term.

2011/12 TRANSFERS

IN: Chris Eagles (from Burnley, undisclosed); Tyrone Mears (from Burnley, undisclosed); David Ngog (from Liverpool, undisclosed); Darren Pratley (from Swansea City, free); Nigel Reo-Coker (from Aston Villa, free); Tuncay (from Wolfsburg, loan); Dedryck Boyata (from Manchester City, loan); Gael Kakuta (from Chelsea, loan); Tim Ream (from New York Red Bulls, £2 million); Ryo Myaichi (from Arsenal, loan); Marvin Sordell (from Watford, £3 million).

OUT: Ali Al Habsi (to Wigan Athletic, £4 million); Matt Taylor (to West Ham United, £2.2 million); Danny Ward (to Huddersfield Town, undisclosed); Johan Elmander (to Galatasaray, free); Tamir Cohen (to Maccabi Haifa, free); Joey O'Brien (to West Ham United, free); Jilloyd Samuel (released); Gavin McCann (retired); Gary Cahill (to Chelsea, £7 million).

DID YOU KNOW?

- Bolton moved to the Reebok Stadium in September 1997 after 102 years at their old ground Burnden Park. The first player to score at their new home was none other than former Newcastle midfielder Alan Thompson, who gave Wanderers the lead from the penalty spot against Tottenham Hotspur.
- Newcastle's last-ever appearance at Burnden Park came at the beginning of the 1995/96 season, where a David Ginola-inspired United cruised to a 3-1 victory thanks to a goal from Rob Lee and a couple from Les Ferdinand. The match was played in front of 20,243.



LAST MATCH

31.03.2012
WOLVES (A)
WON 3-2





JUSSI JAASKELAINEN

Age: 36 **Nationality:** Finnish
Previous Club: Vaasan Palloseura

Veteran goalkeeper who has been with Wanderers for almost 15 years, following his switch from Vaasan Palloseura in 1997. Jääskeläinen didn't take long to establish himself as Bolton's first choice stopper and also one of the best in the Premier League, thanks to a number of heroic displays and spectacular stops. The current longest serving foreigner in the English top flight, the 56-times-capped Finnish international has made more than 500 appearances for the Trotters.



SAM RICKETTS

Age: 30 **Nationality:** Welsh
Previous Club: Hull City

Former Oxford United, Nuneaton Borough, Telford United, Swansea City and Hull City defender, Ricketts has taken a long route to the top but is one of Bolton's most consistent performers. A right-back who is equally comfortable in the left-sided berth, the 30-year-old has 43 Wales caps to his name since making his international debut in February 2005. Ricketts spent almost 11 months sidelined by an Achilles injury, returning to the Trotters' line-up in December.



TIM REAM

Age: 24 **Nationality:** American
Previous Club: New York Red Bulls

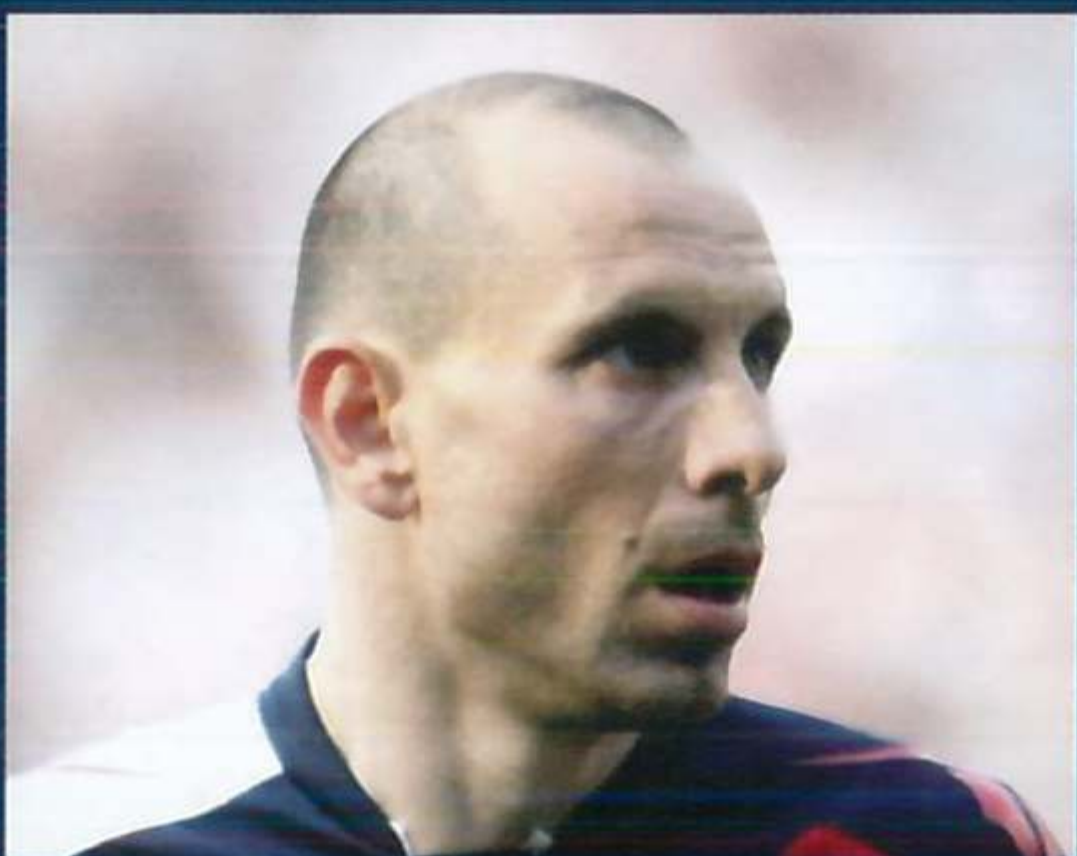
A January 2012 transfer window signing and a direct replacement for Chelsea-bound Gary Cahill, centre-back Ream cancelled his honeymoon to put pen to paper on a three-and-a-half year deal at the Reebok Stadium. The former New York Red Bulls star and current USA international had been training with Bolton during the MLS off-season before they made their move in the New Year. Ream has played a key role in Wanderers' resurgence in recent weeks with some excellent defensive displays.



MARK DAVIES

Age: 24 **Nationality:** English
Previous Club: Wolverhampton W.

Wolverhampton-born Davies came through the ranks at his local club before breaking into the first team under then manager Glenn Hoddle in August 2005. An injury-hit couple of years followed before a brief loan spell at Leicester City, and having handed in a transfer request at Molineux, the midfielder signed a four-year deal at Bolton in January 2009. Davies, an England international at under 16, under 17 and under 19 level, provides real creativity for the Trotters in the middle of the park.



MARTIN PETROV

Age: 33 **Nationality:** Bulgarian
Previous Club: Manchester City

An experienced winger who can name CSKA Sofia, Wolfsburg and Atlético Madrid among his former clubs, Petrov is approaching the end of his second season at the Reebok Stadium. The left-sided player is a dead-ball specialist and his performances between now and the end of the season could be key to Bolton's Premier League survival hopes. Petrov is a former Bulgarian Footballer of the Year winner who has represented his country nearly 90 times.



CHRIS EAGLES

Age: 26 **Nationality:** English
Previous Club: Burnley

Eagles left the renowned Watford youth system to join Manchester United's academy, aged 14, and came up through the ranks at Old Trafford before making his first team bow in a League Cup tie at Leeds in 2003. Loan spells at Sheffield Wednesday, NEC Nijmegen and back at Watford (twice) followed, before he signed permanently for Burnley under then boss Owen Coyle. In July 2011, Eagles linked up with Coyle for the second time in his career, signing a three-year deal with Bolton.



MARCOS ALONSO

Age: 21 **Nationality:** Spanish
Previous Club: Real Madrid

A graduate of the Real Madrid youth academy, Alonso appeared for every one of the Spanish giants' youth sides before debuting for the club's B team in February 2009. Just ten months later – and days before his 19th birthday – the full-back was called into Madrid's first team matchday squad against Valencia. His one and only Real appearance arrived in April 2010, before Alonso swapped La Liga for the Premier League in joining Bolton in July of that year.



RYO MIYAICHI

Age: 19 **Nationality:** Japanese
Previous Club: Arsenal

On loan from Arsenal until the end of the season, Miyaichi is predicted to have a bright future and is gaining crucial experience at the Reebok Stadium this term. The Gunners snapped up the winger 14 months ago, promptly loaning him out to Dutch outfit Feyenoord, where he impressed enough to be compared to both Lionel Messi and Ronaldinho. He scored his first Bolton goal in an FA Cup win at Millwall in February and has provided pace, balance and assists from the right flank.



KEVIN DAVIES

Age: 35 **Nationality:** English
Previous Club: Southampton

A veteran striker and the Trotters' club captain, who has made more than 350 appearances during nine seasons at the Reebok Stadium. Davies made his name as a youngster during Chesterfield's run to the semi-finals of the 1997 FA Cup, which earned him a move to Southampton. Having impressed at the Dell, a big-money switch to Blackburn failed to work out and he returned to the Saints, before moving on to Bolton in 2003. Won a solitary England cap in October 2010, aged 33.



IVAN KLASNIC

Age: 32 **Nationality:** Croatian
Previous Club: Nantes

Having arrived initially on loan from Nantes on a year-long loan in the summer of 2009, Klasnic signed permanently for Bolton upon the completion of that temporary spell. An intelligent German-born forward who has represented FC St. Pauli, Werder Bremen and Nantes before his arrival in the Premier League, Klasnic is a full Croatian international who appeared in the 2006 World Cup and Euro 2008. Not a regular starter for Wanderers, but provides a threat as an impact substitute.

THE MANAGER

OWEN COYLE

Born: 14th July 1966
Nationality: Scottish
Previous Club: Burnley

A STRIKER, and now manager, for the Trotters, Owen Coyle will forever be in the hearts of Bolton supporters, having played a key role in their 1995 Division One promotion-winning side.

His two-year spell in Greater Manchester came midway through a journeyman playing career which took in ten clubs – some twice – over more than a couple of decades.

But he struck Wanderers' first goal in their Wembley play-off fightback, which saw them come from behind to triumph 4-3 over Reading after extra-time, and earn promotion to the Premier League.

Coyle's first managerial post came in January 2003 as Falkirk co-player-manager alongside John Hughes, before a coaching role at Dundee United and another managerial job at St. Johnstone.

In November 2007, the Paisley-born boss came south of the border to be appointed Burnley supremo. After less than two years in charge at Turf Moor he guided the Clarets to the Premier League via the play-offs.

And an impressive start to life as a top flight manager saw Bolton make their move to replace the recently-sacked Gary Megson with Coyle in January 2010.





KEVIN DAVIES

WORDS: ANTHONY MARSHALL

KEVIN DAVIES admits he has cut a frustrated figure on the fringe of Bolton's starting line-up this season, but the veteran striker is ready to play his part and fire the Trotters to Premier League safety.

Davies has made 17 starts and 12 substitute appearances in all competitions – a far cry from when the club captain was one of the first names on Wanderers' team sheet.

But two goals in as many games recently, against Tottenham in the FA Cup quarter-final and then in a crucial top-flight victory at Wolves, has proved the big front man still has a part to play in their quest for survival.

"It's frustrating not to be playing and everyone in the squad wants to be on the pitch, playing their part," explained

Davies, ahead of today's fixture.

"But you have to make sure that when you get the nod you are ready, prepared and working as hard as you can in training.

"And then when you are called upon you can hopefully come on and influence the game somehow."

"(Two games in three days over Easter) is a tough ask on the players and that's what the squad is for.

"People like myself, people coming on, people in the squad, people who are missing out – they can hopefully all play some part."

March was an impressive month for Bolton, who did their chances of avoiding the drop no harm with three successive Premier League victories – over fellow strugglers QPR, Blackburn and Wolves.

And Davies is convinced that a few more results like that will see the Wanderers confirm their top flight status for another season.

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"It's nice to win three on the bounce," he said.

"There's still five or six teams who could be dragged into it, so it's important that we keep trying to catch the teams above us.

"We make sure we take care of our affairs and let the others look after theirs. We have to make sure we keep performing, keep picking points up and hopefully come May we will be fine."

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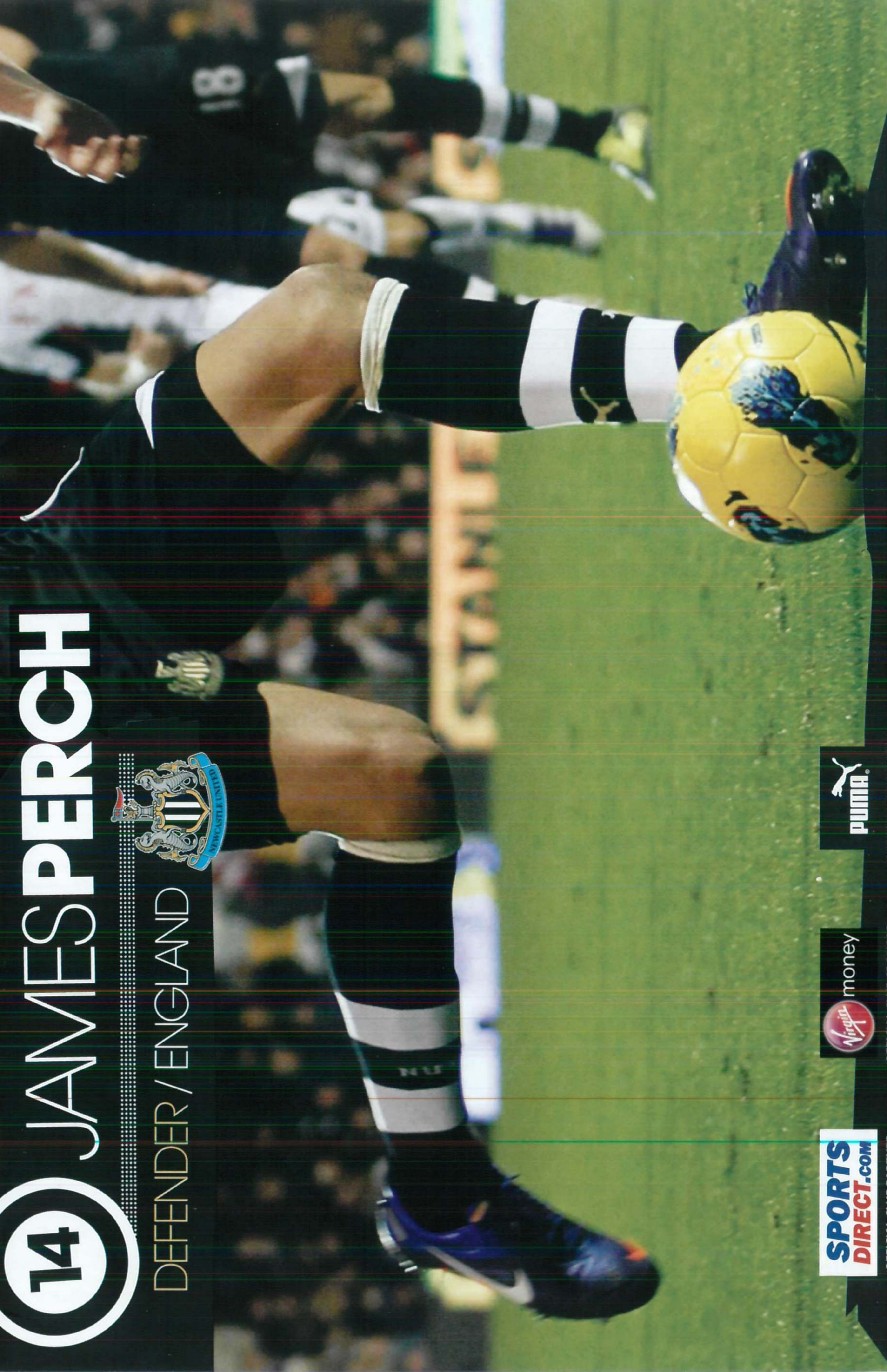


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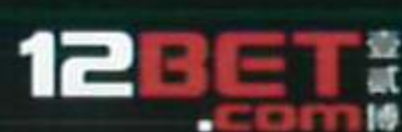
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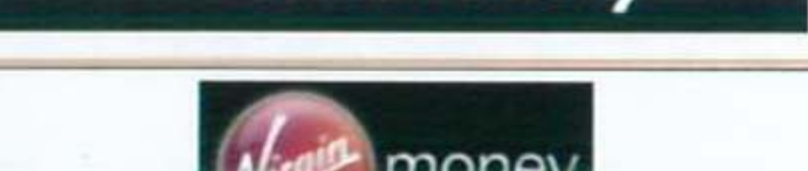
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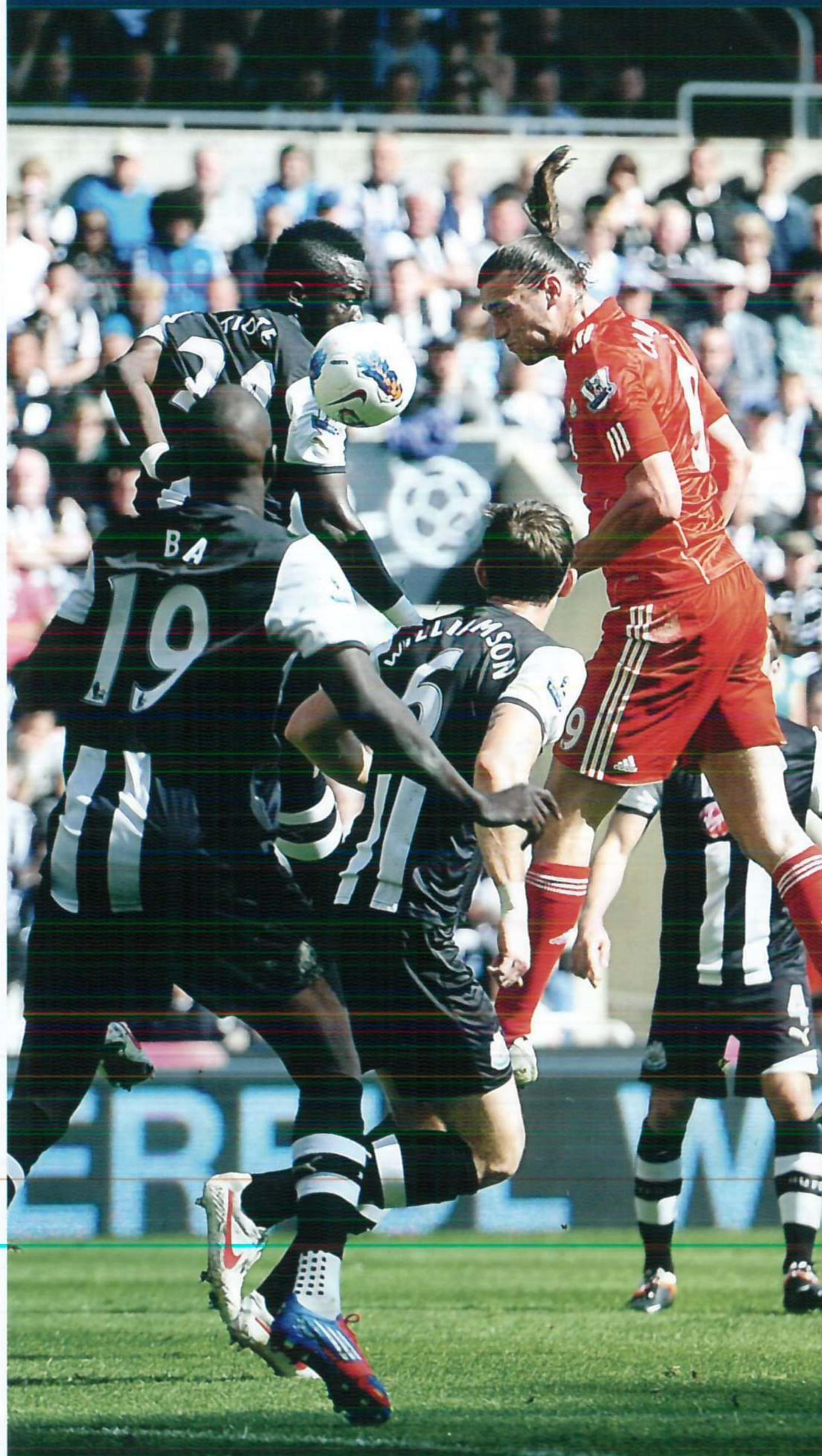
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NEWCASTLE [4-3-3]: Tim Krul; Danny Simpson, Mike Williamson, James Perch, Jonás Gutiérrez ©; Danny Guthrie (Dan Gosling, 65), Cheick Tiote, Yohan Cabaye; Hatem Ben Arfa (Davide Santon, 90), Papiss Cissé (Shola Ameobi, 74), Demba Ba.
Subs (not used): Rob Elliot, Shane Ferguson, Ryan Taylor, Haris Vuckic.

LIVERPOOL [4-4-2]: Pepe Reina; Jon Flanagan, Jamie Carragher, Martin Skrtel, Jose Enrique; Jonjo Shelvey (Stewart Downing, 76), Steven Gerrard ©, Jay Spearing, Craig Bellamy (Jordan Henderson, 80); Andy Carroll (Dirk Kuyt, 79), Luis Suarez.
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MATCHREPORT

A GOAL in each half from Papiss Cissé earned Newcastle a 2-0 win over ten-man Liverpool eight days ago, and strengthened United's grip on a top-six place in the Barclays Premier League.

The Senegalese striker headed home midway through the first half, before rounding Reds keeper Pepe Reina and slotting home after the break - taking his tally at the Club to seven goals in seven appearances.

And it was a miserable afternoon for Reina, who was sent off late on for a spat with United centre-back James Perch. The Magpies dominated for large spells and were well worth all three points, as Demba Ba, Mike Williamson and Cissé all threatened to extend their advantage even further.

A bright opening saw Liverpool carve out the first chance on four minutes when Jonjo Shelvey's 20-yard strike was deflected onto the roof of the net, but Hatem Ben Arfa had a penalty appeal turned down soon after following a challenge from former Toon full-back José Enrique.

Another ex-United man, Andy Carroll, went looking for a spot-kick of his own soon after, but found himself in referee Martin Atkinson's book for diving, having gone down untouched by goalkeeper Tim Krul.

United made the breakthrough on 19 minutes through the prolific Cissé, netting his sixth goal since his arrival on Tyneside in January. Ben Arfa tricked his way past Jay Sparring and Shelvey before crossing for Cissé, who rose above Martin Skrtel to head back across goal and in off the far post.

Newcastle extended their advantage after the break when Ba picked the ball up on the left. His ball in to Ben Arfa eventually found its way to Cissé, who rounded Reina and tapped it into the unguarded net.

And the Merseysiders' misery was complete in the 82nd minute as they were reduced to ten men, following an alleged head-butt by keeper Reina on Perch.

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I WAS impressed with us from start to finish against Liverpool last weekend and I thought we started the game well, passed the ball around and there were just so many plusses, which was great to see.

Perch and Williamson looked like they had been a centre-back partnership all their lives and once again, the three boys up front put in some real graft to go with their first-class movement.

I said at the time that Cissé's second goal was Beardsley-esque in the way that he didn't panic and took one touch then another before rolling it into the corner, and he was brilliant once again.

The atmosphere inside the ground was wonderful and it was just a great day all round. The fact that Carroll, Enrique and Bellamy were in the Liverpool side added to the occasion, and even Jordan Henderson wasn't spared when he came on because of his links with Sunderland. It was great banter.

I thought Liverpool asked a few questions early on but once we got in front, they fell apart, and I have to say that's the first time I've ever seen a Liverpool side throw the towel in like that.

In the end they were well beaten, but you have to credit our players for that, and Alan Pardew has been brave in recent weeks by playing three up front. You have to commend him for that because it's a system that suits us and in particular, Hatem Ben Arfa.

I also have to mention Danny Simpson, who made yet another goal-line clearance and I make that seven he's knocked off the line for us this season. When you put that into context, how many points has Danny Simpson saved

us this season? My guess is quite a few, so he has to come in for some credit as well.

But it was a great result and it set us up nicely for the Easter weekend fixtures. The players know that we need to keep going, keep winning games and see where that takes us.

Looking ahead to today, while Bolton have recovered of late and

won three of their last four games ahead of this weekend, I don't think that will have a bearing on this afternoon's match.

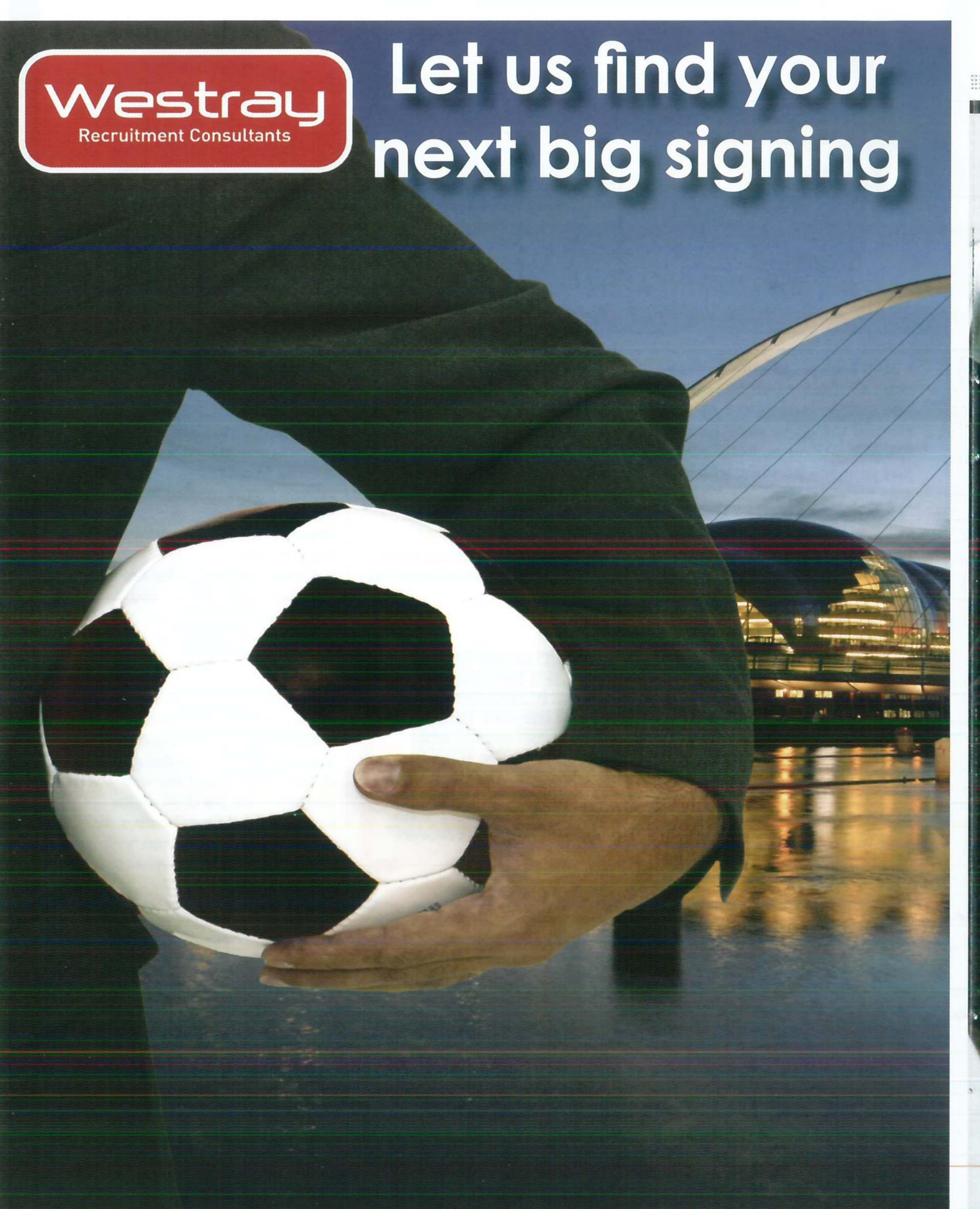
I think we go in as favourites and our home form this season reflects that. If we play like we did against West Brom and Liverpool then I think we'll have a bit too much for them.

I have a lot of time for Bolton's manager, Owen Coyle, and he did a great job at Burnley before he arrived at the Reebok. Things have obviously gone a bit wayward for him this campaign, but he's sticking to his principles.

He a good, young British manager that is working on a shoestring, and even though Bolton looked like they were certainties for the drop at one point, he's got them fighting and if he keeps them up, then he'll deserve an awful lot of praise.

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CLUB HISTORIAN PAUL JOANNOU KEEPS TRACK OF UNITED'S COLOURFUL PAST & PRESENT...



EURO GOAL

THERE are six fixtures left this season and Newcastle will be aiming to grab a place in Europe for next season.

United have missed out on UEFA action for the last six years after being regular travellers around the Continent in the previous decade. We last competed in the UEFA Cup in 2006/07, and pictured above are fans in Marseille.

Since our first adventure nearly 44 years ago back in 1968/69, the Magpies have played 120 European games and have appeared in every competition - from the Intertoto Cup to the Champions League, although the Europa League will be something new if we qualify.

And the Black'n'Whites lead the way in Europe when it comes to North-East football, far surpassing the total of local rivals Sunderland and Middlesbrough put together.

United have a European heritage and we are one of only ten English clubs to have tasted the Champions League, twice getting to that glittering football showpiece in 1997/98 and 2002/03 and narrowly missing out at the qualification stage in 2003/04 against FK Partizan on penalties.

ATTENDANCE HIGH

TODAY'S Easter meeting with Bolton Wanderers records the 118th contest in senior football between the sides - one of which attracted the second-highest attendance ever to Gallowgate.

That was a FA Cup-tie back in 1951 - an end-to-end encounter which saw the Magpies come back from 2-1 down to win 3-2 thanks to a Jackie Milburn double.

It would be the last attendance of that size as sadly



two United fans were killed in the crush. The Club then made the decision that in future, all big games would be all-ticket to minimise any overcrowding.

Our top three gates stand at:

- 68,386 v Chelsea (Division 1, Sept 1930)
- 67,596 v Bolton Wanderers (FA Cup, Jan 1951)
- 67,362 v Liverpool (Div 1, Oct 1948)

The other two attendance highs were not surprisingly rousing matches too. There were well over 70,000 in and around the stadium when Chelsea arrived on Tyneside back in 1930, all to see the return of centre-forward Hughie Gallacher following his move to Stamford Bridge. He received an amazing reception as United won 1-0.

When Liverpool turned up at Barrack Road in 1948, football was booming after World War Two, and nowhere more so than on Tyneside. United stood third in the table and welcomed back another hero in Albert Stubbins. But it was Wor Jackie who again stole the show with the only goal of the game.

WYN'S SMILING AT 70

ANYONE who is old enough to have watched United in the mid-to-late 1960s era will have a special place in their memory for Newcastle centre-forward Wyn Davies, the man who was the focal point of the Club's European triumph in 1969.

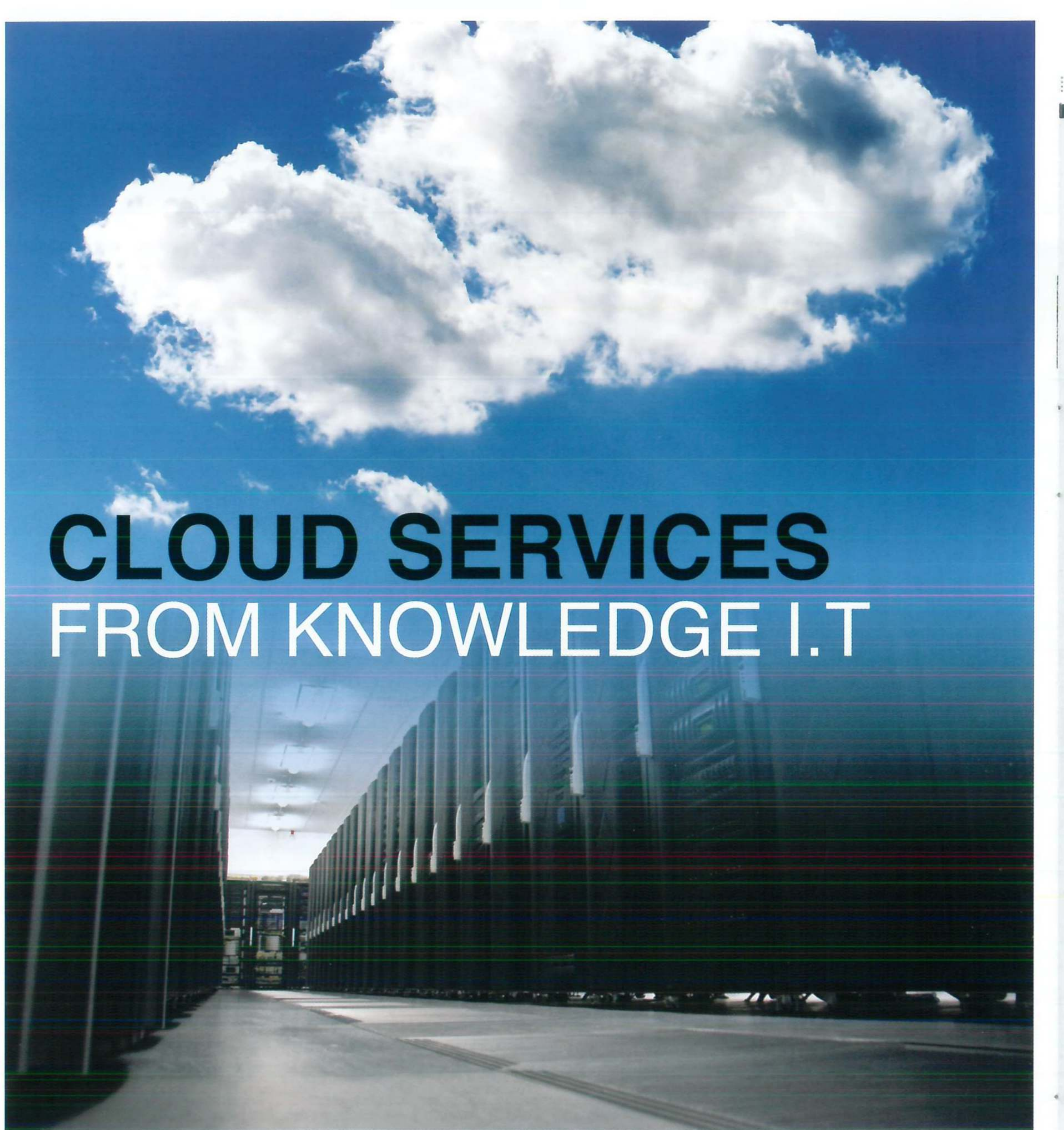
Big Wyn, a former Bolton star as well, celebrated his 70th birthday last

month. And true to form, Geordies were on hand to give him a well-earned party when members of the Fairs Club travelled down to Lancashire to meet up with him.

Present were several colleagues and ex-United players as well as the brother of Tottenham and Scotland legend John White, who played for Blackpool and Crystal Palace.

Included in the group of Toon fans was United's tour guide John Oliver and he brought back a series of snapshots. Pictured in a smiling party mood are Jim Iley, Pat Howard, Wyn Davies and Tony Green.





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OLYMPIC DREAM GETS CLOSER

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The last major tournament held at our stadium was Euro 96 - a huge success during a sunny and warm summer. France, Romania and Bulgaria all played up here and Tyneside had a continental buzz for a few weeks.

We missed out on the World Cup in 1966 after being chosen as a venue in the region alongside Sunderland's old stadium, Roker Park. But a huge redevelopment row erupted with the City Council and that prestigious event was lost to Middlesbrough.

Now though, the Olympics are soon to commence on Tyneside, and the Club is immensely proud to stage such a showpiece.

The Great Britain team will have strong United links on the sidelines. Pictured

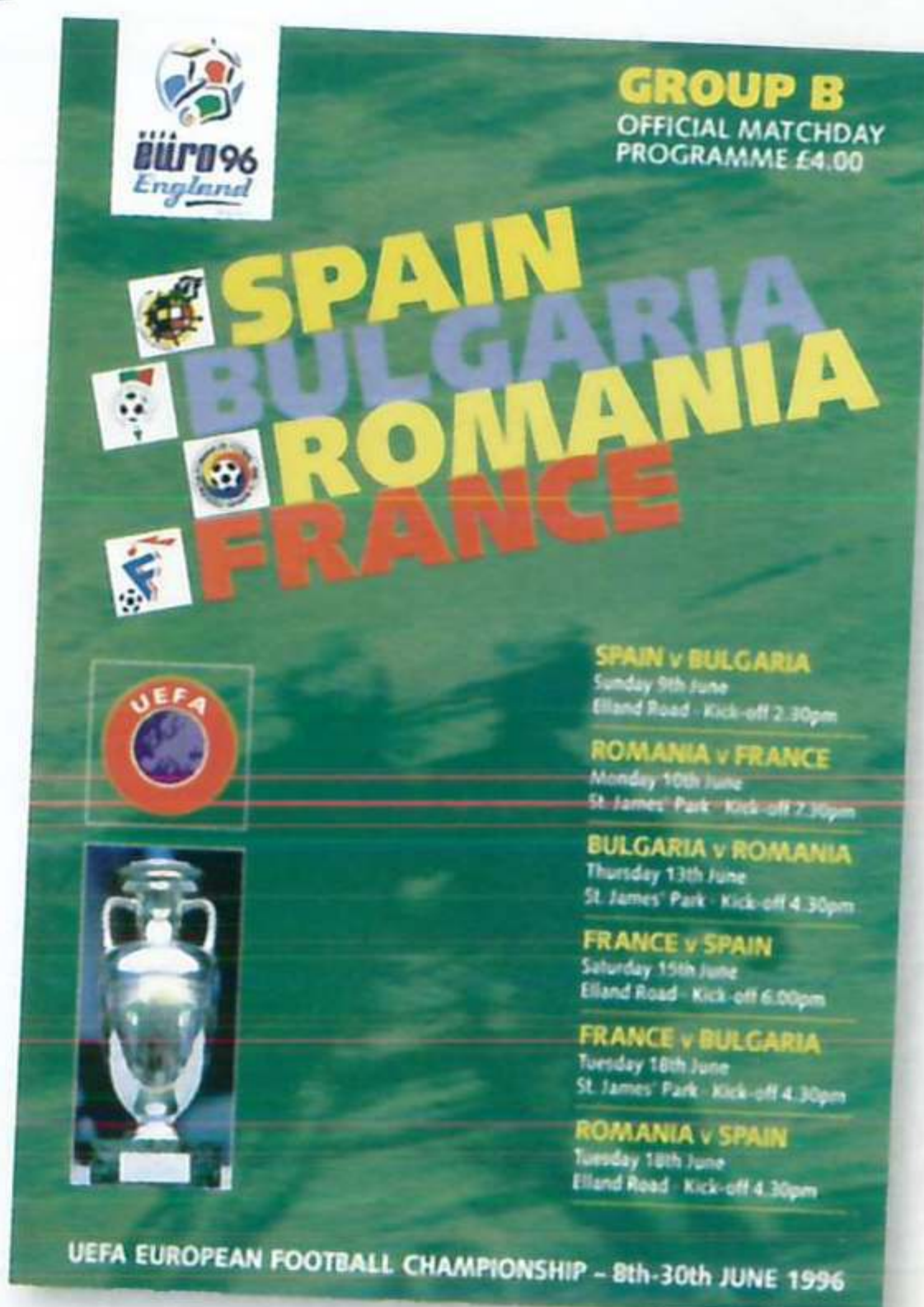


in United kit, Stuart Pearce will be in charge of the men's squad and former Newcastle goalkeeper Martin Thomas is goalkeeper coach. And who knows, the Magpies may have representation when Pearce selects his squad of players.

The last time the Olympics were staged in this country, back in 1948, we also had representation. Tom Curry, with United during the 1920s, was trainer to the team and manager Matt Busby's right-hand man. A young 18-year-old Ronnie Simpson was the first-choice keeper while Denmark were coached by another ex-United man, Ike Keen, who played for the Magpies between 1926 and 1930.

The Olympic dream will come true for some in the summer, just as it did for skipper Fabricio Coloccini (pictured)

back during 2004 in Athens. He won a gold medal with Argentina as they defeated Paraguay 1-0. Other United players have also reached the final and won medals. The very first football

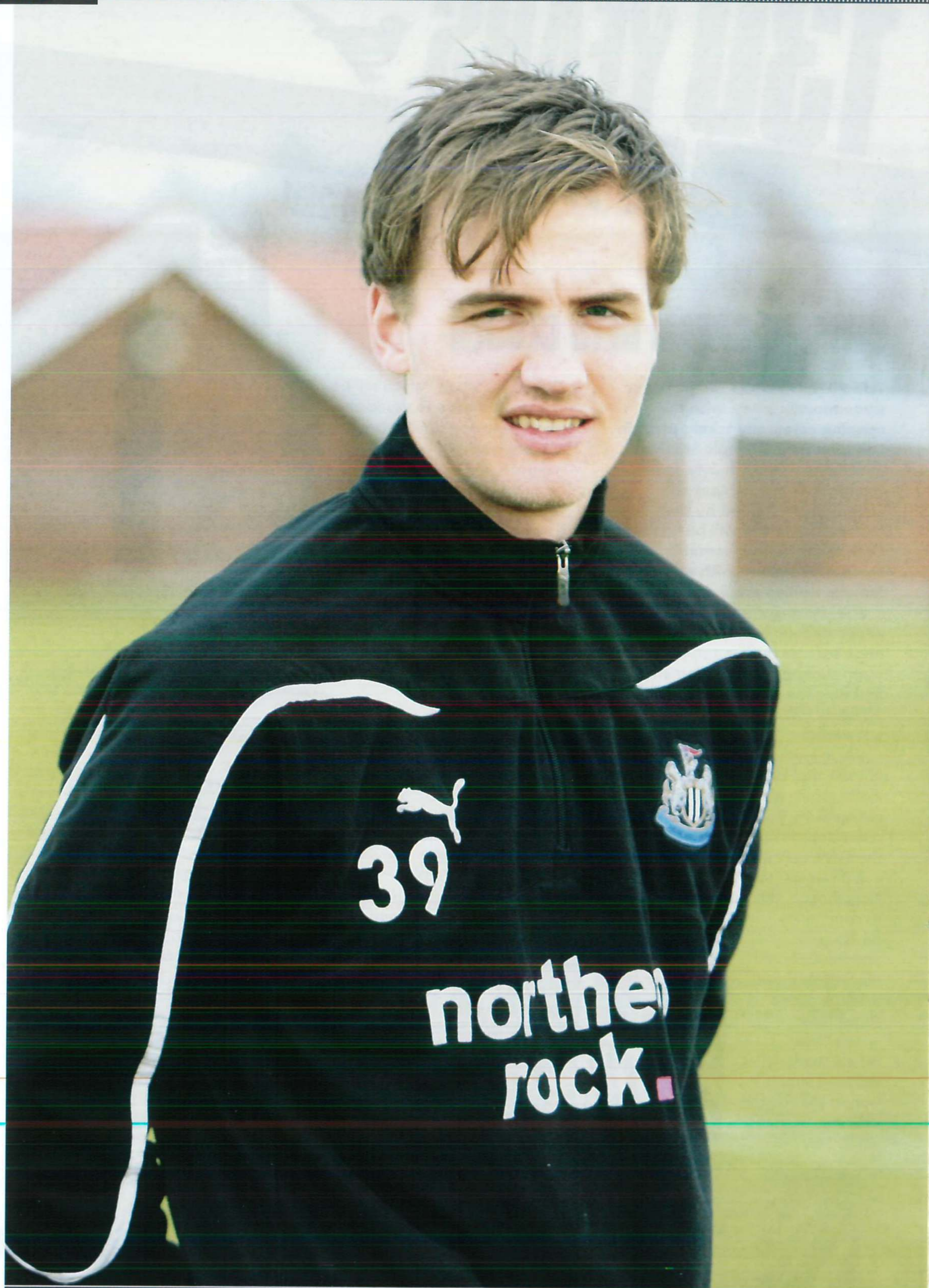


tournaments were really demonstration events, but in St. Louis way back in 1904 Canadian club Galt FC won a limited competition and ex-United centre-forward Alexander Hall was in the side. He was given a coveted gold medal.

Since then noted Denmark and Chelsea player Nils Middleboe, who was on trial at United for a period, played in two finals in 1908 and 1912. His colleague Anton Olsen, also at United briefly, scored twice in one of the finals while much later Geremi won gold with Cameroon in 2000 as did Celestine Babayaro with Nigeria in 1996, scoring in the final. Albert Luque grabbed a silver medal although he didn't play in the final which saw Cameroon triumph.



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JAK THE LAD

AFTER A BUSY SEASON WHICH HAS SEEN HIM ENJOY A LOAN SPELL AT GATESHEAD, GOALKEEPER JAK ALNWICK HAS HIS SIGHTS SET ON BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS AT NEWCASTLE UNITED...

WORDS: DAN SHERIDAN

JAK ALNWICK ON PLAYING FOR UNITED'S RESERVES...

I've enjoyed the recent games and for me, it's all about playing in as many games as I can at this stage. Ultimately, you can train all day every day, but getting games under your belt is the main thing.

The Reserves are a very young side at the moment, and though sometimes you get the odd player dropping down from the first team set-up, we've got a lot of youngsters, and it's great experience for them.

It's also good for me to be working with younger players because it keeps me thinking for the whole game, but in other respects it can be quite hard because they are obviously inexperienced.

But that's all part of the learning process and every player goes through it.

Experience is crucial at that age and thankfully, the young players at the Club are getting a chance.

ON THE 2011/12 SEASON SO FAR...

This has undoubtedly been one of the hardest seasons of my career so far but it's also been one of the best. I was out on loan at Gateshead and getting games in the Blue Square Premier, and that was very beneficial.

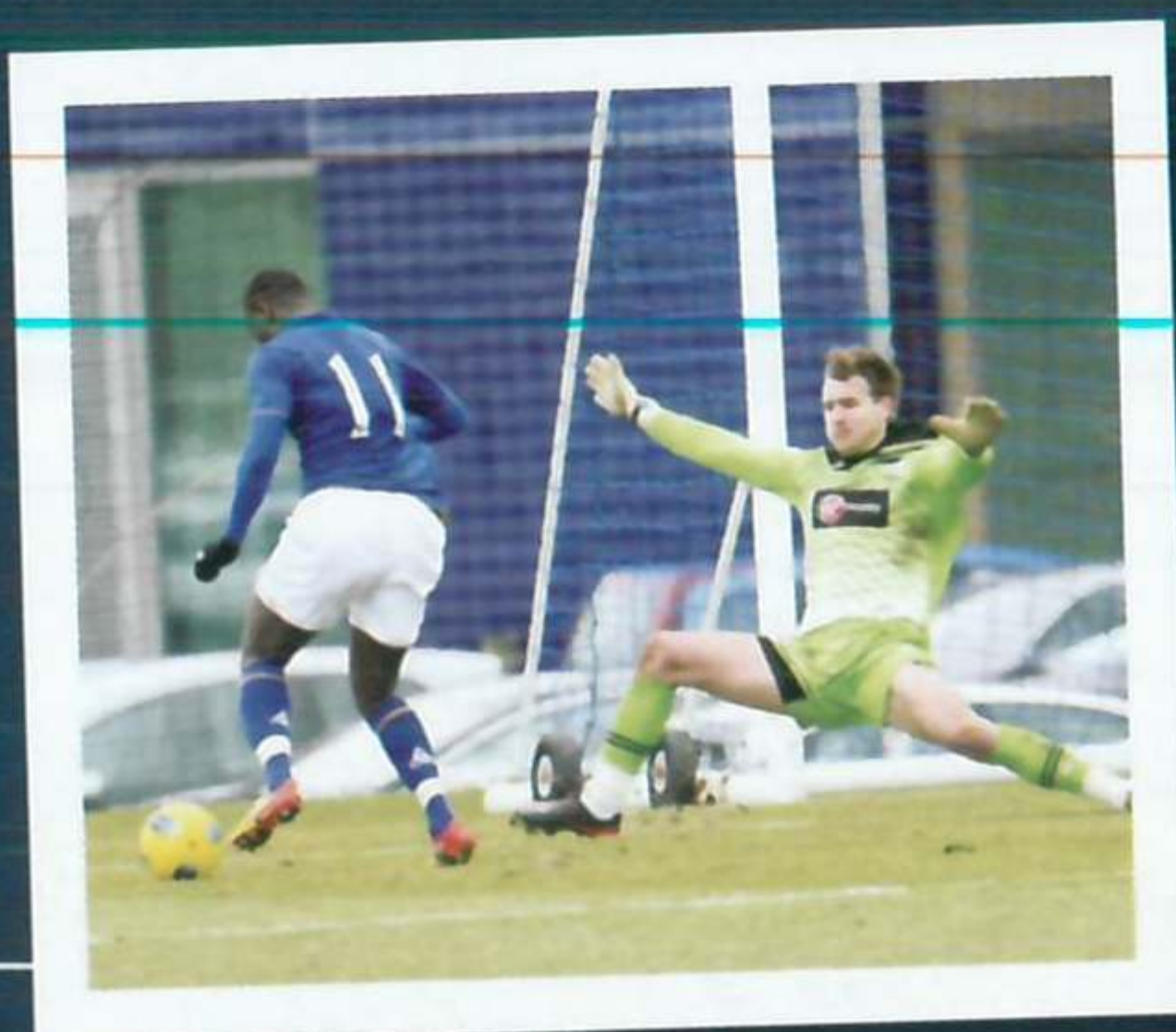
Now I'm back here and playing for the Reserves, and as long as I'm getting games, then that's fine by me. I'm working hard each day and that is the main thing at a Club like this.

To be fair, I'm pleased I've managed to play as much as I have this season. There is only one position for a goalkeeper and when you look at the keepers that are already at the Club, I've done well for game time.

ON HIS SPELL WITH GATESHEAD...

I owe a lot to Gateshead and I appreciate everything they did for me. They gave me a chance more or less straight away when I arrived there and they stuck with me, which was great for me.

You've got to say not many teams are keen to take an





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18-year-old goalkeeper on loan but they did, and I only hope I repaid them through the performances that I put in for the club.

ON THE STANDARD OF FOOTBALL IN THE BLUE SQUARE PREMIER...

It's a very, very good standard and I don't think many people appreciate just how good it actually is. You just have to look at teams like Crawley, who have gone straight in to the Football League and done really well.

That just proves that as soon as you get out of the Blue Square Premier, you can be a good team in League Two, and some of the teams that you come up against are good sides.

There's a good mixture of players who are at the back end of their careers and younger lads who are looking to move up through the divisions. That's a good blend because the younger lads can learn from the seniors and vice-versa.

At Gateshead, there are players who have just missed out at first-team level with the likes of Newcastle and Sunderland in the Premier League, so that tells you a lot about the standard of the football.

ON HIS ENGLAND AMBITIONS...

I just want to keep on improving and keep going a bit further each year. My experience with England at the Under-20s World Cup in Colombia last year was unbelievable and there's not many people who can say that they've done something like that.

To go out to an unfamiliar country and to play against teams that had big players playing for them at a high level was fantastic, and it was all capped off by the support of the Colombian fans, who were great. It was just another great experience.

For now, I'm pushing on and doing as well as I can for my Club,



and if I do well, then hopefully more recognition at international level with England will follow. That would be a real bonus.

ON BEING A NEWCASTLE UNITED PLAYER...

It's an unbelievable feeling to be part of things here at Newcastle, and just going to every game and seeing the support that we get is something special. It makes it even better that I'm a homegrown player.

I look at people like Steven Taylor and see how passionate he is, and that's exactly how I feel. I

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know how much the Club means and I feel like I owe it to our fans because of where I'm from.

ON HIS EARLY CAREER...

I've always been a goalkeeper and I started playing there at under-sevens level. I progressed quite well and got into Sunderland's academy before switching over to Newcastle.

I was very pleased to make the move when I was 14 and things have turned out very well for me. This is a great Club to be a part of and you can feel that something special is happening here.

I just loved watching football when I was younger and I still do now. I didn't really follow a specific club but my family are from Prudhoe and have always supported Newcastle, so I suppose I've always been a fan at heart.

ON THE KEEPERS HE LOOKS UP TO...

I always looked up to my brother (Ben) because for a while he was playing in the Premier League with Sunderland, but I also looked up to people like Edwin van der Sar, who had an unbelievable career.

Lately I've enjoyed watching Joe Hart at Manchester City, but I have to say our own Tim Krul has been one of the best keepers in the Premier League this season and working with him day in, day out has been unbelievable.

I have a lot of respect for Tim because he helps me every single day and he's trying to turn me into the goalkeeper that he thinks I can be. That is priceless for someone of my age.

He was in-and-out of the team last year but this season he's

proved himself as the Club's first choice and he's also proved that he's one of the best keepers in the league at the moment.

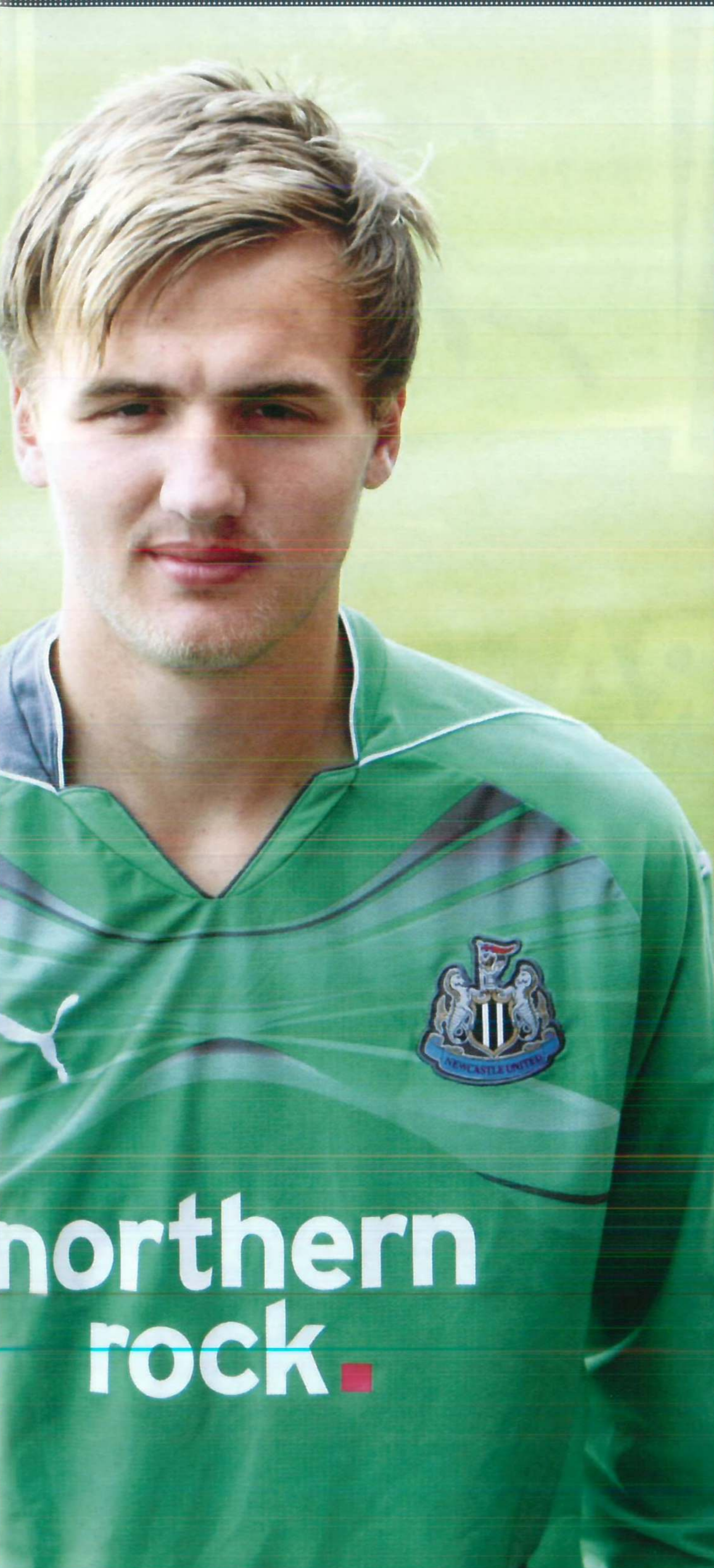
ON THE CURRENT GOALKEEPERS AT UNITED...

There's a good balance of keepers at the Club at the moment. You've got Tim, who has pushed through and done extremely well, but he's also young and he knows exactly what I'm going through because he's been there himself.

He waited for his chance while Shay (Given) and Harps had the shirt, so in that respect he's a big help to me. Then you've got Rob (Elliot), who is also full of good advice, and obviously Harps, who just has a huge amount of experience.

I couldn't be in better hands when it comes to goalkeepers at this Club, and to train with them each day is massive for me. It also gives me great encouragement to see how well someone like





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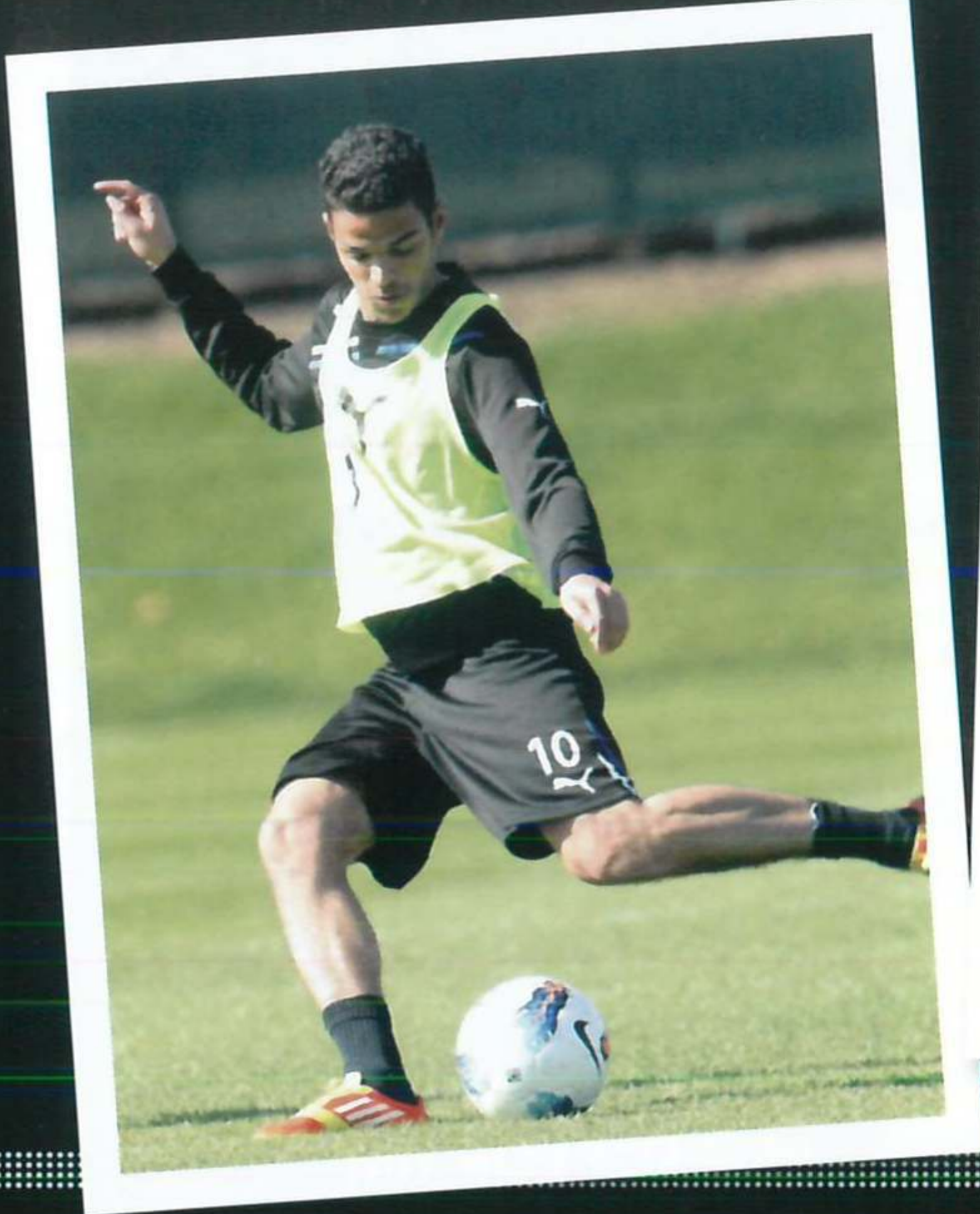
Tim has done and I want to follow in his footsteps. He's had to be patient, and that's what you have to be as a goalkeeper.

ON THE NEXT STEP...

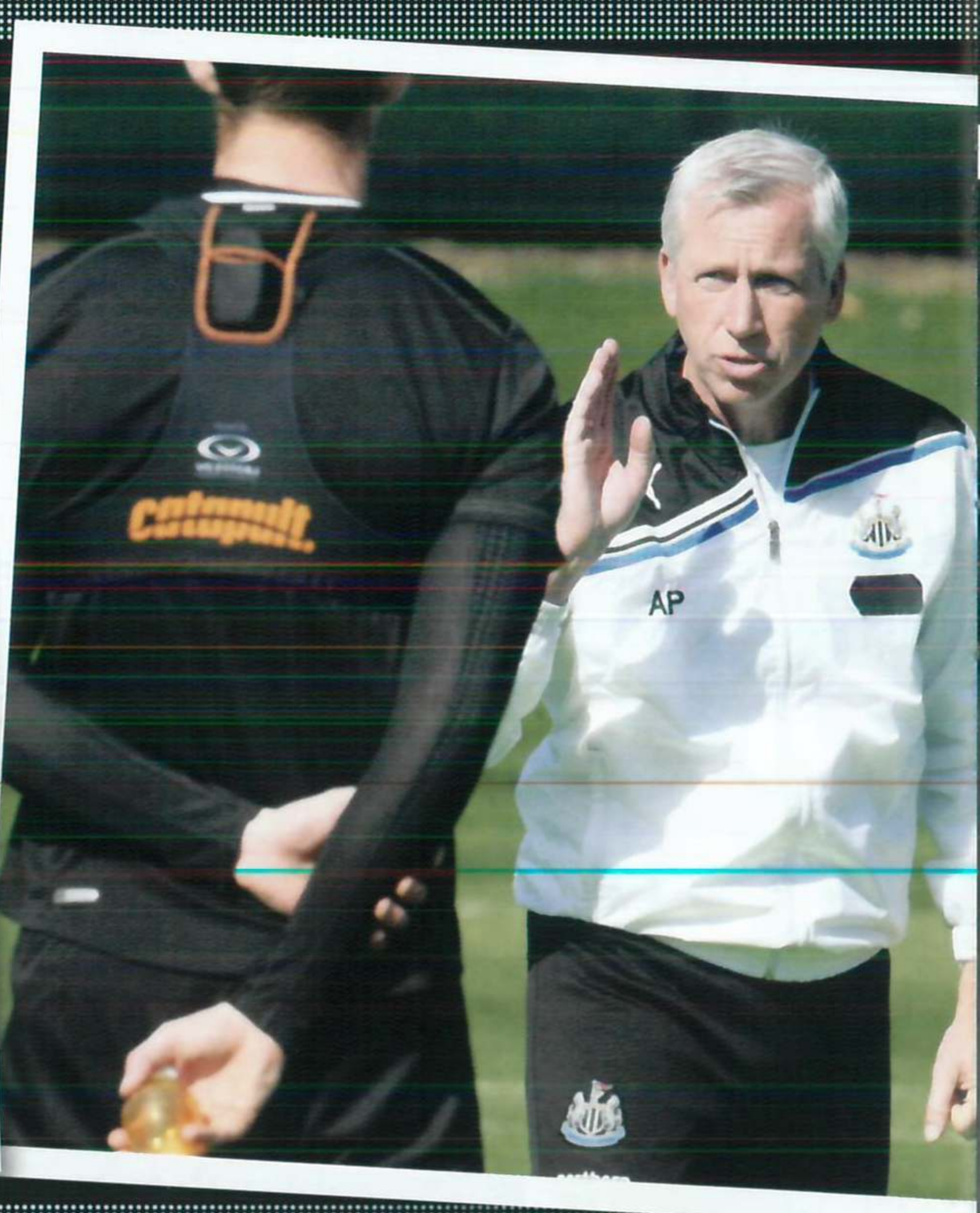
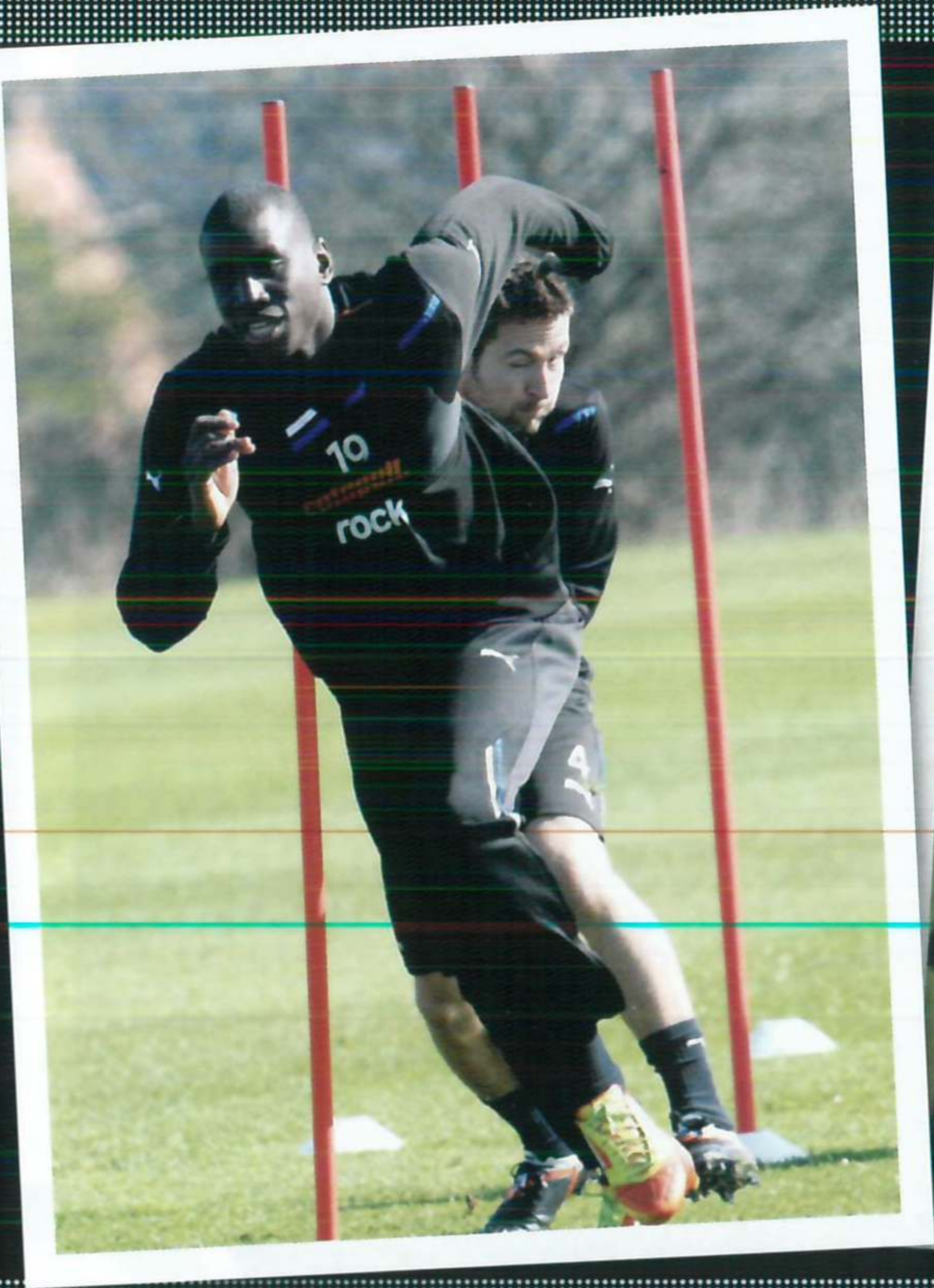
Ultimately, at this stage of my career, I'd be very happy with a loan move if the Club thought it would benefit me. I'd like to get as many league games as I can and prove that I can hold my own in the lower leagues. Then if my chance came along in the Premier League, I'd have some games and some experience behind me.

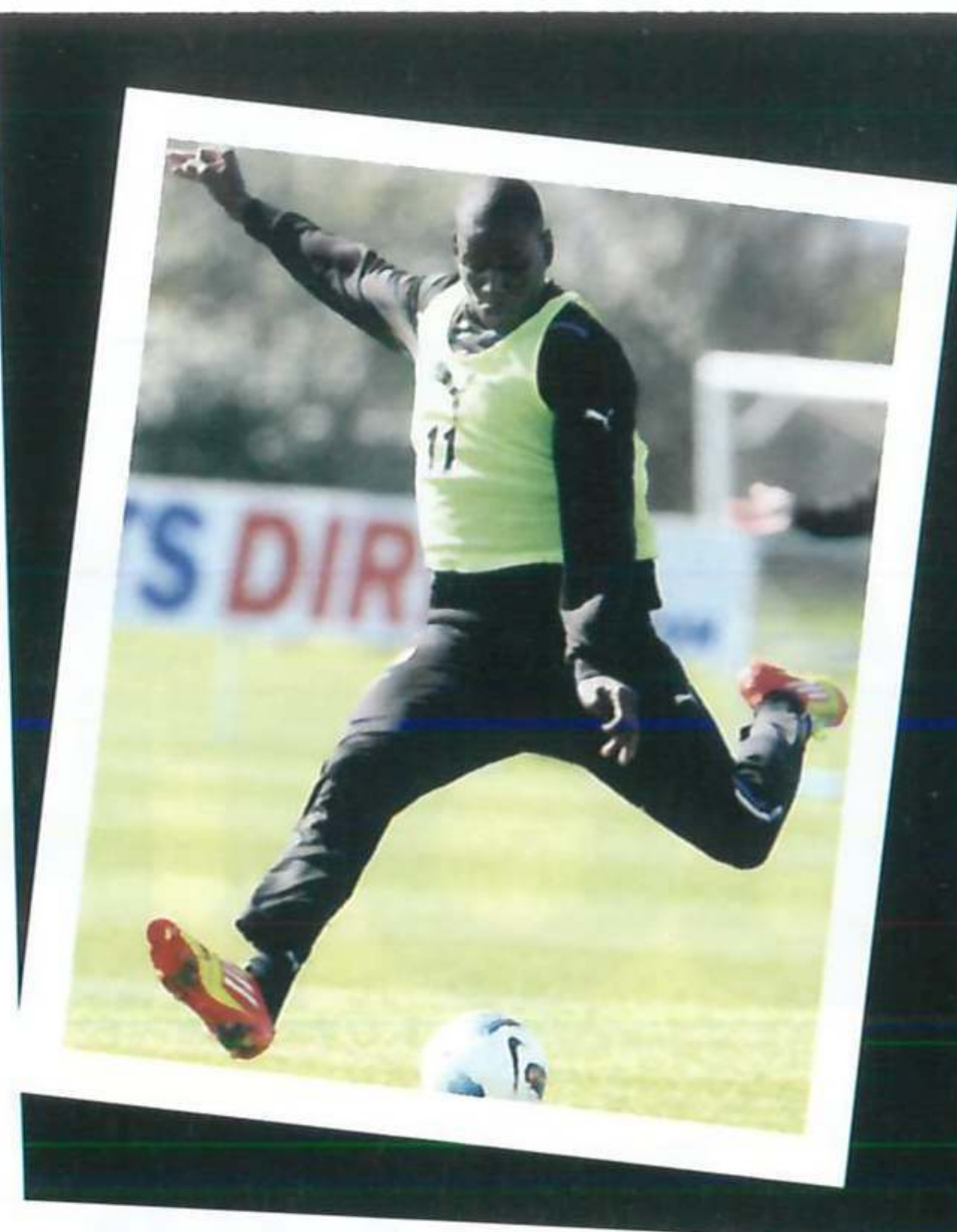
Without doubt, the key to being a goalkeeper is patience. All you can do is work as hard as you possibly can, and while that is hard for keepers that are not in the starting line-up, it is all you can do because you never know.

One sending off or injury and you could be in, so you have to be ready to take your chance and make an impression. It's a hard position to play in, and one mistake and the ball can end up in the back of the net, so confidence is also hugely important.



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AS OUR BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON NEARS ITS CONCLUSION AND THE FINAL FEW GAMES OF THE CAMPAIGN COME THICK AND FAST, THERE'S BEEN NO LET UP FOR UNITED'S PLAYERS AT THE CLUB'S BENTON-BASED TRAINING CENTRE. AND AS **OFFICIAL CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER IAN HORROCKS'** PICTURES SHOW, THE LADS HAVE BEEN GIVING IT THEIR ALL OVER THE PAST WEEK AHEAD OF THEIR EASTER WEEKEND DOUBLE-HEADER AGAINST SWANSEA CITY AND BOLTON WANDERERS...



A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS



WE TAKE A LOOK AT JUST SOME OF THE FAMOUS PLAYERS THAT HAVE LINKED NEWCASTLE UNITED AND BOLTON WANDERERS OVER THE YEARS...

ROBBIE ELLIOTT

Newcastle 1991-97 & 2001-06
Bolton 1997-2001

Another product off the Wallsend Boys Club production line, Gosforth-born Elliott had trials with Manchester United before arriving at his hometown club, and made his first team debut at 17. The left-back spent six years at Newcastle during his first spell with the Club, before moving to Bolton in 1997 in a £2 million-plus deal that saw him join the likes of Peter Beardsley and Franz Carr at the Reebok Stadium. After four productive seasons in the North-West, the defender returned to the Magpies under Sir Bobby Robson, and also enjoyed a spell as a fitness coach in 2008.



GARY SPEED

Newcastle 1998-2004
Bolton 2004-2008

Signed by Kenny Dalglish in 1998 for a fee of £5.5 million, Welshman Speed became the cornerstone of United's starting XI over the next six seasons, and despite a difficult start out on the left-hand side, he soon became a vital part of the United engine room. The midfielder played in two FA Cup finals and the Champions League under Dalglish, Ruud Gullit and Sir Bobby before switching to Bolton in 2004, where he became the first player to make 500 Premier League appearances. He also played for and managed Sheffield United and Wales before his tragic death last year.



WYN DAVIES

Bolton 1962-1966
Newcastle 1966-1971

Another Welsh colossus who played for United and Wanderers, Davies made a huge contribution on Tyneside during an exciting period for the Club that ultimately led to Fairs Cup glory in 1969. Nicknamed 'Wyn the Leap' due to his famous aerial menace, the number nine made over 200 appearances for the Magpies during a five-year spell and scored 53 goals after signing from Bolton in 1966. The centre-forward had spent four seasons at Burnden Park and settled in the town following his retirement, where he worked for a local bakery.



SCOTT SELLARS

Newcastle 1993-1995
Bolton 1995-1999

Sellars arrived at United as a direct replacement for Kevin Sheedy, and it soon became apparent that the wide-midfielder had a similarly sweet left foot. Brought in from Leeds in 1993, his balance, distribution and link-up play saw him become a big favourite at St. James' Park under Kevin Keegan. After nearly 70 games in the black and white stripes, he moved to Bolton for £750,000 and spent four years with Wanderers, helping them win promotion to the Premier League in 1997 – just as he'd done on Tyneside four years earlier.



ALAN GOWLING

Newcastle 1975-1978
Bolton 1978-1982

An awkward yet effective striker, Gowling arrived at Newcastle in 1975 from Huddersfield Town, but made his name alongside such luminaries as George Best and Bobby Charlton at his first club Manchester United. Having put pen-to-paper on Tyneside, the economics graduate formed a useful partnership with Malcolm Macdonald and finished the 1975/76 season as top scorer with 30 goals. The Stockport-born forward moved on in 1978 and joined Bolton, where he made almost 150 league appearances during a four-year spell.



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ALAN THOMPSON

Newcastle 1991-1993
Bolton 1993-1998

Thompson's career was almost over before it had begun when the midfielder suffered a broken neck and back in a car accident in 1990, but the Geordie lad made a remarkable recovery and went on to make his United debut as a teenager a year later under Ossie Ardiles. However, the arrival of Kevin Keegan saw the left-sided youngster struggle for opportunities at his hometown club and he switched to Bolton in 1993. Now a coach at Celtic, where he enjoyed his most successful spell as a player, Thompson also picked up an England cap in 2004.



TONY CUNNINGHAM

Newcastle 1985-1987
Bolton 1991

The tall striker became something of a cult figure at Gallowgate during the mid-1980s, and was an ideal outlet for manager Jack Charlton's long-ball approach. Signed from Manchester City, the Jamaican-born forward starred alongside the likes of Paul Gascoigne during his two years on Tyneside before moving on to Sam Ellis' Blackpool. His switch to Bolton four years later was to be a brief affair, and only lasted a matter of months, but by the time he hung up his boots and moved on to a career in law, he had over 500 appearances under his belt for 11 different clubs.

LES FERDINAND

Newcastle 1995-1997
Bolton 2004-2005

Though his time at Newcastle was only a two-season affair, many still list Ferdinand as one of the great modern-day United strikers. Lethal in the air, the Londoner formed a devastating partnership with Alan Shearer and netted 50 goals in just 84 appearances for the Magpies before his controversial departure to Tottenham in 1997. The England international enjoyed a six-year spell at White Hart Lane and picked up a League Cup winners medal, and via spells at West Ham and Leicester, he signed for Bolton in 2004.



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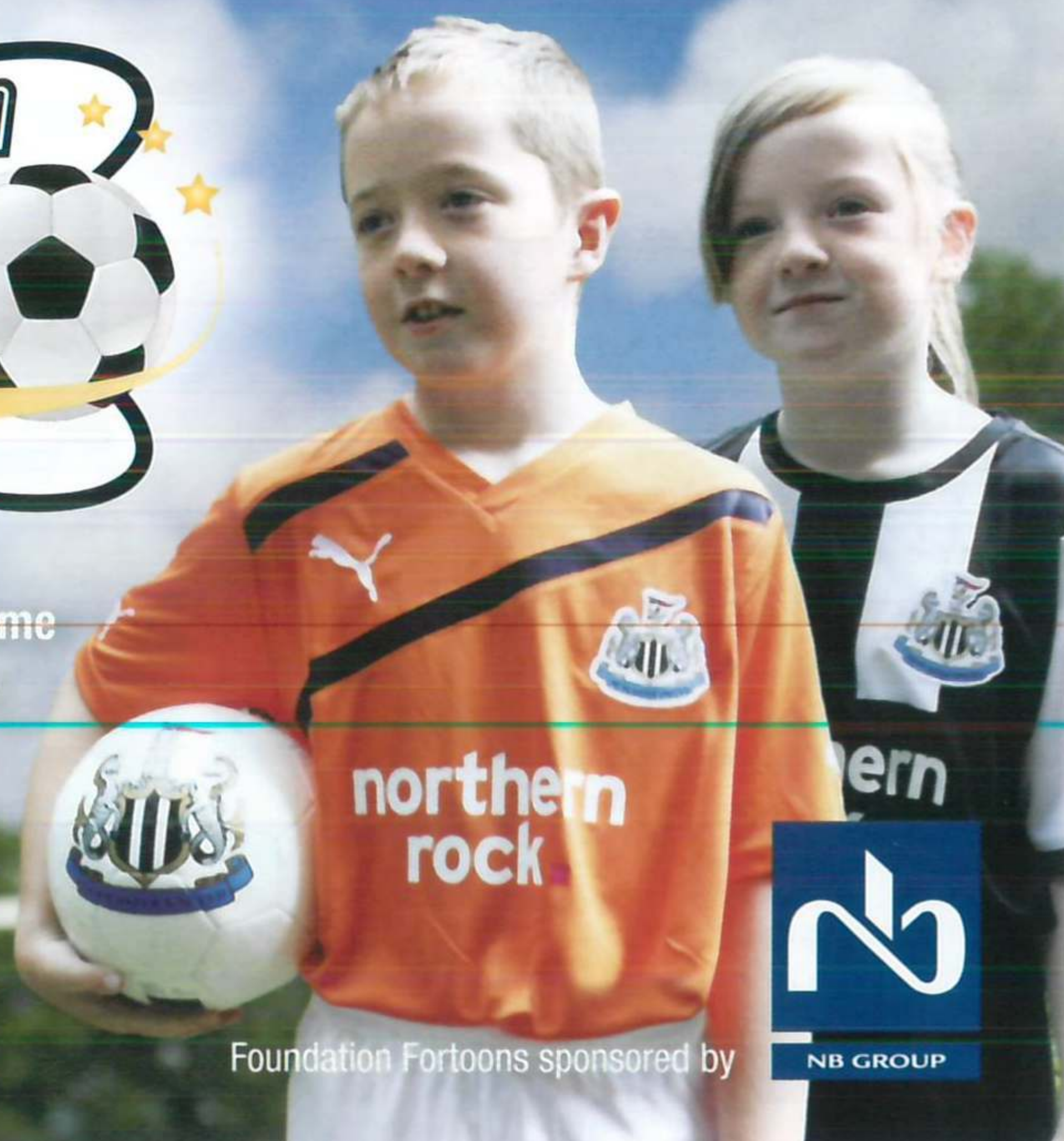
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TOUGH BAPTISM FOR SMITH

"LEARNING the hard way" was how Jamie Smith described an inexperienced Newcastle Reserve team's defeat last week to a Fulham side packed with seven players who have played for the Cottagers' first-team and three full internationals.

Michael Richardson, who turned 20 last month, was the Magpies' oldest player; none of Willie Donachie's 14-man squad had made a senior appearance for United but 12 of them have played for the under-18s this term.

And Liverpool-born Smith was making his second-string debut - in the process becoming the 50th player to feature for the club's Reserves during the current league campaign.

The defender replaced Yven Moyo after 71 minutes at Motspur Park and found himself facing the likes of Simon Davies, capped more than 50 times by Wales, Czech international Marcel Gecov and Norwegian winger Bjorn Helge Riise as Newcastle lost 5-0.

"You learn a lot off them," said Smith, who came to Tyneside from Irish outfit Cherry Orchard in February 2010. "They move the ball quicker

had a few more older players, but on the other hand we had some young players and it's a good experience.

"It'll help us next season and hopefully for the end of this season, because hopefully we can win the league with the Academy."

Dave Watson's under-18s continue to sit at the top of the Premier Academy League Group D despite losing 2-1 at FA Youth Cup holders Manchester United last Saturday.

And after impressing in that match at Carrington, Smith was given his chance at second-string level when he slotted in at right-back against Fulham.

"I played there against Manchester United on Saturday and I thought I did well," he told the matchday programme. "I can play centre-back or right-back, I don't mind really, but I like right-back.

"And I did enjoy it so hopefully I can carry on playing there and playing for the Reserves. We're all disappointed about the result but hopefully we can learn a few things and push on."

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JAMIE SMITH

and it's just a great experience so hopefully we'll learn a lot from it.

"It's learning the hard way. I know it was 5-0, but I enjoyed it. There's a lot that we can all gain from it and I think I'll learn a lot from it.

"It might have been different if we'd

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2011/12

AUGUST				
Tue 30	Wolves	A	1-1	
SEPTEMBER				
Tue 13	NORWICH	H	6-0	
Wed 28	Swansea	A	5-3	
OCTOBER				
Tue 4	Bolton	A	3-0	
Tue 18	LIVERPOOL	H	3-2	
NOVEMBER				
Tue 1	Wigan	A	2-0	
Wed 16	Sunderland	A	0-3	
Tue 22	EVERTON	H	0-4	
Tue 29	ASHINGTON (NSC)	H	2-0	
DECEMBER				
Tue 13	BOLTON	H	1-1	
JANUARY				
Tue 10	WIGAN	H	3-1	
Thu 26	Man United	A	0-6	
Tue 31	BEDLINGTON (NSC)	H	5-1	
FEBRUARY				
Tue 14	Everton	A	3-6	
MARCH				
Mon 5	Aston Villa	A	0-4	
Thu 8	SUNDERLAND	H	3-3	
Thu 15	BLACKBURN	H	0-0	
Tue 20	CHELSEA	H	2-4	
Thu 29	WEST BROM	H	1-4	
APRIL				
Tue 3	Fulham	A	0-5	
Tue 10	ARSENAL	H	-	
Mon 16	MAN UNITED	H	-	
Mon 23	Liverpool	A	-	
MAY				
Tue 1	Blackburn	A	-	

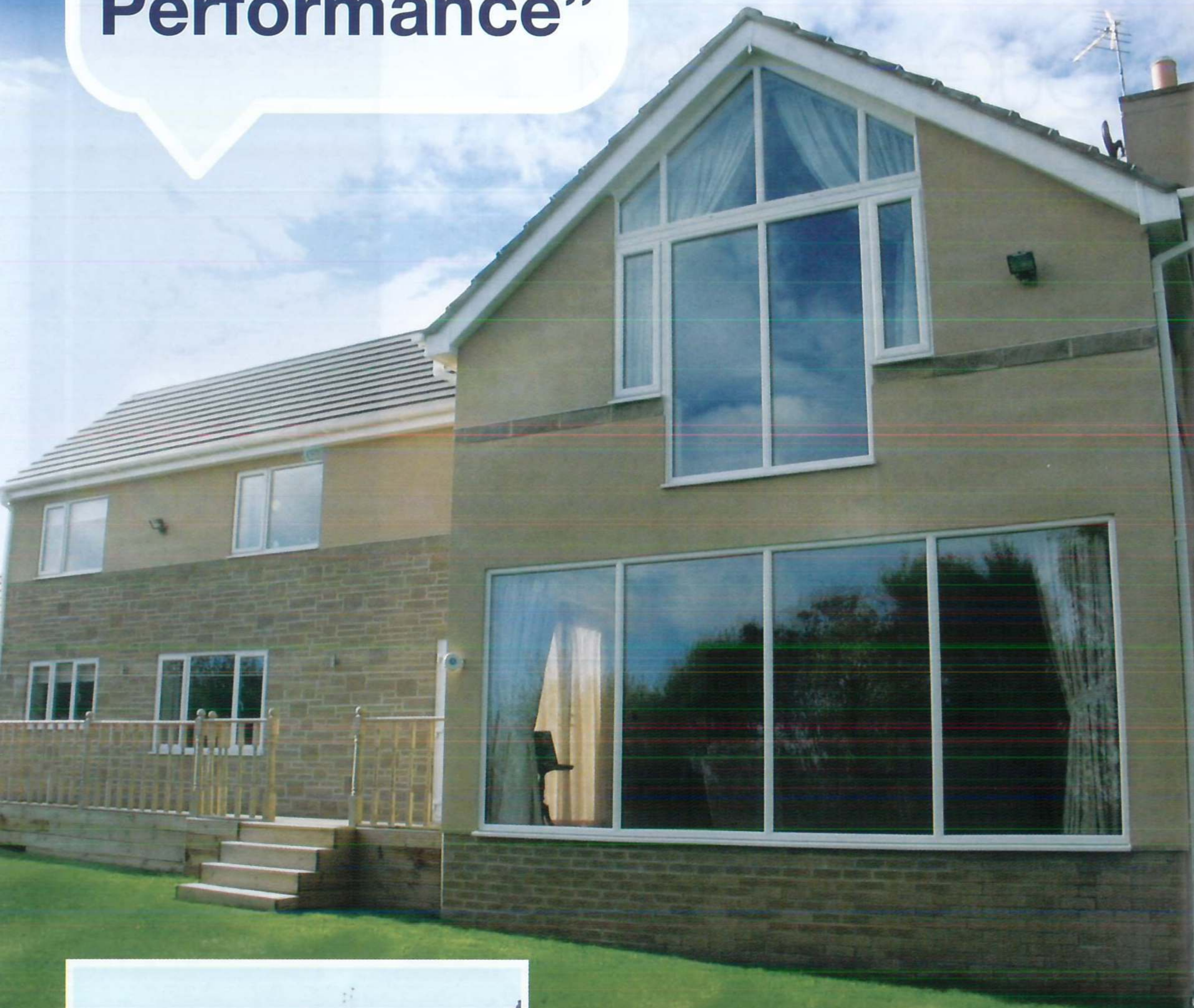
LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Man United	17	12	2	3	27	38
Sunderland	19	9	3	7	4	30
Liverpool	18	7	7	4	11	28
Everton	18	6	7	5	4	25
NEWCASTLE	18	6	4	8	-14	22
Wigan	20	4	8	8	-12	20
Bolton	19	2	7	10	-17	13
Blackburn	17	1	9	7	-8	12



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ALMOST THERE

NEWCASTLE United's Under-18s remain on course to lift the Academy Premier League Group D title this season - despite suffering a 2-1 defeat at Manchester United nine days ago.

Though defeat in the North-West was hard to swallow for the youngsters, the Magpies held onto their six-point advantage at the top of the table with title rivals Leeds, Barnsley and Derby all dropping points.

Toon forward Dan Taylor had rattled the crossbar early on, and made no mistake when he levelled the scores for Dave Watson's side, cancelling out Ben Pearson's strike.

But despite his close-range header restoring parity, Newcastle weren't level for long, and the Red Devils retook the lead through Jack Rudge, leaving United pressing for a second-half equaliser at Carrington.

Taylor, midfielder Ben Sayer and central defender Alex Kitchen all came close after the break, but it was Manchester United who had the best

chance from the spot in stoppage time.

United keeper Jonathan Mitchell conceded an injury-time penalty as Newcastle pushed for an equaliser, with the Hartlepool-born shot-stopper bringing down Sam Byrne inside the box.

But Mitchell made amends to deny Joe Rothwell with a fine diving save to his right, and despite the defeat, Academy coach Dave Watson remained upbeat ahead of the final few games of the campaign.

He said: "The lads put in a really good effort and with a bit more quality we could have come away with something.

"It was a decent performance but at times we just lacked that little bit of quality that was needed.

"It was a decent game with some good football played and it is always tough against Manchester United.

"We didn't create many clear-cut chances and we didn't have many shots, but we are still in a good position.

"We just need to keep going between now and the end of the season."



Dan Taylor in action against Chelsea

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2011/12

AUGUST

Sat 20	CHELSEA	H	4-3
Sat 27	Aston Villa	A	1-2

SEPTEMBER

Sat 3	WEST BROM	H	2-1
Sat 10	Man City	A	3-2
Sat 17	EVERTON	H	1-0
Sat 24	Sheffield Utd	A	1-1

OCTOBER

Sat 1	SUNDERLAND	H	4-0
Sat 8	Barnsley	A	1-1
Sat 15	SHEFFIELD WED	H	4-0
Sat 29	Leeds	A	0-4

NOVEMBER

Sat 5	Huddersfield	A	4-0
Sat 12	DERBY	H	4-3
Sat 19	Middlesbrough	A	1-2

DECEMBER

Sat 3	NOTT'M FOREST	H	2-1
Thu 8	DARLINGTON (FAYC)	H	3-0

JANUARY

Sat 7	HUDDERSFIELD	H	4-2
Thu 19	WATFORD (FAYC)	H	2-1
Sat 28	Nott'm Forest	A	4-1

FEBRUARY

Thu 9	QPR (FAYC)	H	2-1
Sat 18	Sunderland	A	2-2
Mon 27	BLACKBURN (FAYC)	H	2-2*

MARCH

Sat 3	Wolves	A	2-1
Sat 10	Bolton	A	0-1
Sat 17	STOKE CITY	H	3-1
Wed 21	Derby	A	2-1
Sat 24	SHEFFIELD UTD	H	1-1
Sat 31	Man United	A	1-2

APRIL

Sat 7	LEEDS	H	-
Sat 14	Sheffield Wed	A	-
Sat 21	LIVERPOOL	H	-
Sat 28	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	-

TBC	BARNSELY	H	-
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*After extra time - Blackburn win 3-0 on penalties

LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
NEWCASTLE	23	14	4	5	19	46
Leeds United	23	12	4	7	18	40
Derby County	26	11	6	9	12	39
Barnsley	24	11	4	9	7	37
Sheffield United	23	10	5	8	-3	35
Middlesbrough	23	9	3	11	-12	30
Sunderland	24	7	5	12	-10	26
Huddersfield	23	5	7	11	-19	22
Sheffield Wed	24	6	4	14	-21	22
Nott'm Forest	23	2	5	16	-29	11

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Favourite player: Jonas Gutierrez



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Age: 6

Hobbies: Football, Cricket

Favourite player: Demba Ba

NIAMH ROSENVIGNE

Age: 10

Hobbies: Football, Karate, Gymnastics

Favourite player: Sammy Ameobi



SAYED MANSOURI

Age: 10

Hobbies: Football, Cycling

Favourite player: Fabricio Coloccini

ALICE LAMB

Hobbies: Gymnastics

Favourite player: Tim Krul



JAMES WOOD

Age: 10

Hobbies: Football

Favourite player: Jussi Jaaskelainen



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QUICK QUIZ

Test your football knowledge and see how many of these you can get right...

- 1** Bolton Wanderers moved to the Reebok Stadium from which ground in September 1997?
- 2** Name the three Manchester City players currently in the Premier League's top-ten goalscoring chart?
- 3** Bolton boss Owen Coyle managed two Scottish sides before moving to England in 2007. Who are they?
- 4** Radoslaw Majewski scored a second half hat-trick for which Championship side at Crystal Palace last weekend?
- 5** Why were Northern League teams Dunston UTS and West Auckland Town in the news recently?
- 6** Which former Newcastle midfielder was manager at Bolton prior to Owen Coyle's arrival in 2010?

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from Newcastle



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THIS SEASON: With eight points from a possible 12 from their four games leading up to the Easter weekend, Roberto Martinez's Wigan have displayed genuine signs of improvement at just the right time. In what has been a challenging season for the Latics, much of their current campaign has been spent in the Premier League's bottom three, but after wins over Liverpool at Anfield and Stoke City at the DW Stadium, their position in the table, while remaining largely precarious, has at least given them a fighting chance of survival. Following the visit of Arsenal this Wednesday, two of their remaining four fixtures are against sides also enveloped in this term's relegation battle, and having already lost to Newcastle this season thanks to a late Yohan Cabaye goal in October, revenge will be at the forefront of their minds.

GETTING THERE: By Road: Exit the M6 at Junction 27 and turn left at end of the slip road, before turning right at the t-junction (sign-posted Shevington). After one mile turn left into Old Lane (signed B5375 Standish Lower-Ground) and follow for approximately two miles. At the traffic lights turn right into Scot Lane

then take the first left into Stadium Way for the entrance to the stadium car parks.

By Rail: Wigan is served by two railway stations - Wigan Northern Western and Wigan Wallgate. Wigan North Western is on the West Coast main line with links to Liverpool while Wigan Wallgate is used for regional services to Manchester, Southport and Liverpool (via Kirkby).

MATCH TRIVIA: Last season's trip to Wigan saw Newcastle return to Tyneside with all three points thanks to a solitary strike from Shola Ameobi on the second day of 2011. But up until that New Year victory, this particular corner of the North-West had been a barren hunting ground for the Magpies, with four defeats on the trot between 2005 and 2009. Bizarrely, current United favourite Ryan Taylor (pictured left) developed an unnerving knack of scoring against the Toon whilst on Athletic's books, and netted four times against the black and whites before switching clubs over three years ago. Despite the Latics being formed back in 1932, the two sides have only met 14 times in all competitions over the years, with Newcastle winning six of those clashes to Wigan's five, with three games drawn.

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LATEST INFORMATION



STOKE CITY (HOME)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
 Saturday 21st April 2012
 Kick-off 3pm

Online Box Office: Now
 General sale: Wednesday 11th April



WIGAN ATHLETIC (AWAY)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
 Saturday 28th April 2012
 Kick-off 3pm

Season Ticket holders: Now
 Members: Tuesday 10th April
 Prices: Adults £25, Concessions £18



CHELSEA (AWAY)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
 Wednesday 2nd May 2012
 Kick-off 7.45pm

Season Ticket holders: Now
 Members: TBC
 Prices: TBC



MANCHESTER CITY (HOME)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
 Sunday 6th May 2012
 Kick-off 1.30pm

Members: Now
 Online Box Office: Friday 13th April
 General sale: Monday 23rd April



EVERTON (AWAY)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
 Sunday 13th May 2012
 Kick-off 3pm

Season Ticket holders: Monday 16th April
 Members: Wednesday 25th April
 Prices: TBC

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HOW TO BUY TICKETS

1. The **Online Box Office** is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You are able to pick the exact seat you want to sit in plus see a view of the pitch from your seat. Plus, there is no booking fee when you buy online too. Visit www.nufc.co.uk/tickets to buy tickets for home and away matches.

Use your smartphone app to scan the QR code on the right and you'll be whisked straight to our website!



2. Call **0844 372 1892** between 10am - 5pm Monday to Friday.

3. **In person** at the Sports Direct Arena Box Office: 10am - 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am - 6pm Saturday and 11am - 5pm Sunday.

4. From Eldon Square, Monument Mall and Metrocentre **Official Club Stores**. Call 0844 372 1892 for store opening hours.

IMPORTANT STADIUM SAFETY NOTICE

If we have to evacuate part or all of the stadium in an emergency, you will hear loud chimes over the emergency system. The referee will stop the game and assemble the players at the dug-outs. The chimes will sound again and you will be given instructions as to:

1. Evacuating the stadium by the nearest emergency exit, or for those on the lower seating decks, evacuating on to the pitch.
2. Any evacuation will be conducted in phases, so please listen to the instructions given. Please note the emergency PA system is separate from the general PA announcement and not affected by power failures.



**SPORTS DIRECT
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Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the stadium. Newcastle United requests all supporters to observe the no-smoking regulations at Sports Direct Arena.

TACKLING OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR

NEWCASTLE United Football Club is committed to tackling offensive behaviour by supporters to help create a more enjoyable matchday experience.

The Club will not tolerate any form of racist or homophobic abuse or any persistent foul and abusive language. Such behaviour is a breach of the stadium Ground Regulations which may result in ejection from the stadium and a ban from attending matches.

It may also constitute a criminal offence, which may result in arrest, prosecution and a Football Banning Order.

Any supporter who experiences any such behaviour is urged to report the matter, at the time it is occurring, to a nearby steward or police officer.

An alternative way of reporting is by a service that allows supporters to text the stadium Security Match Control anonymously.

To use this texting service, simply text the word HELP followed by the stand, row and seat of the offending supporter, then the nature of the offensive behaviour to 60070*.

This service allows stadium security staff to monitor and deal with the offensive behaviour as it is happening.

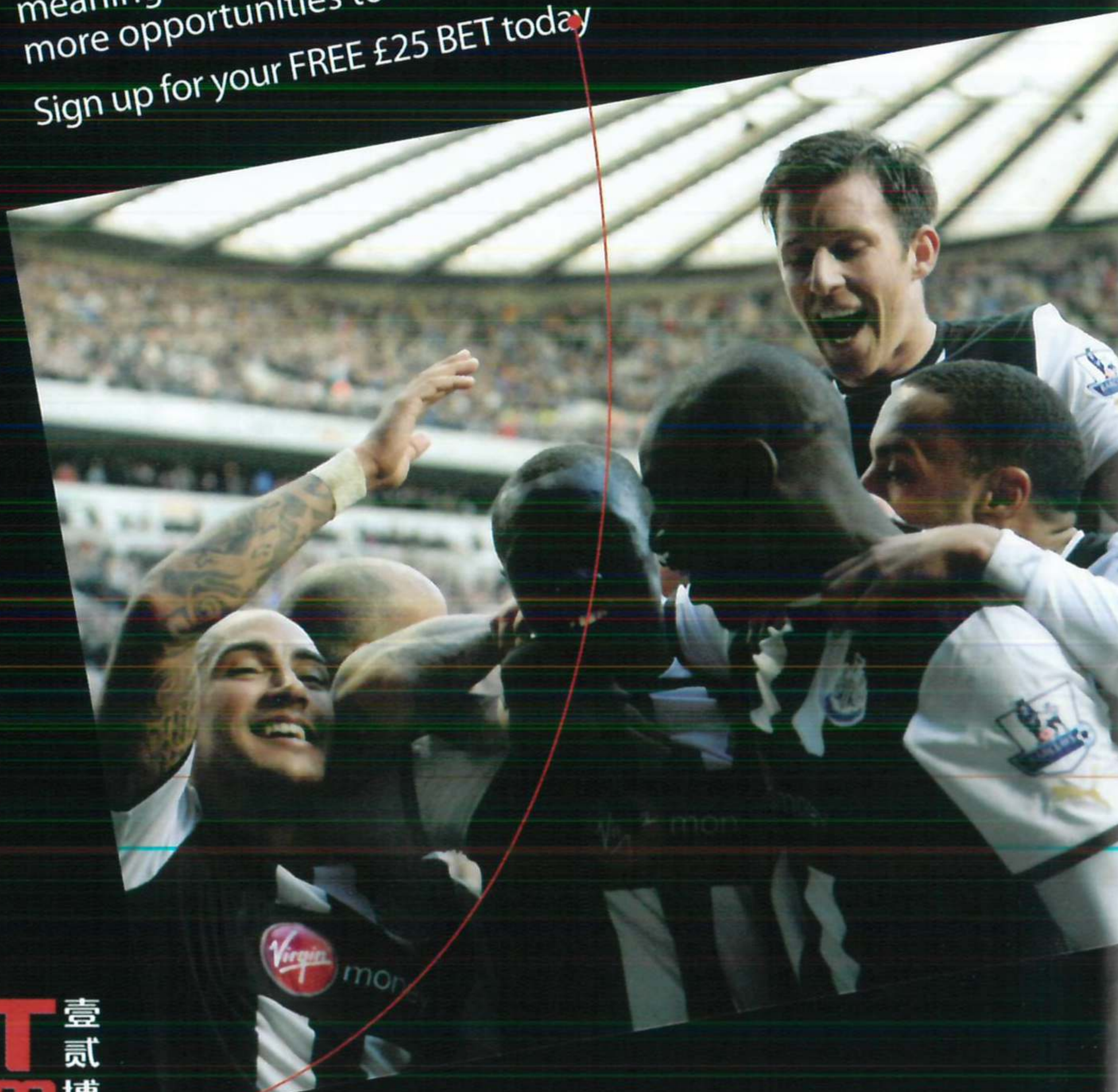
*Each text message sent will be charged at your standard network rate.

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KICKZ TOURNAMENT SUCCESS



NEWCASTLE United Foundation's Kickz project finished as runners-up in an under-18s 11-a-side football competition that included a team from The Army Foundation College at Harrogate.

On Sunday 1st April, five Kickz clubs from Sheffield United, Hull City, Manchester United and Wolves participated in the tournament alongside Newcastle, which was hosted by the Army Foundation College.

And from the outset, the players behaved themselves impeccably and were a credit to their club and their communities.

Even though the games were competitive, they were played with terrific sportsmanship with some fantastic skills - not to mention goals - on show. The team narrowly lost out on the top spot, after losing to Wolves in the final.

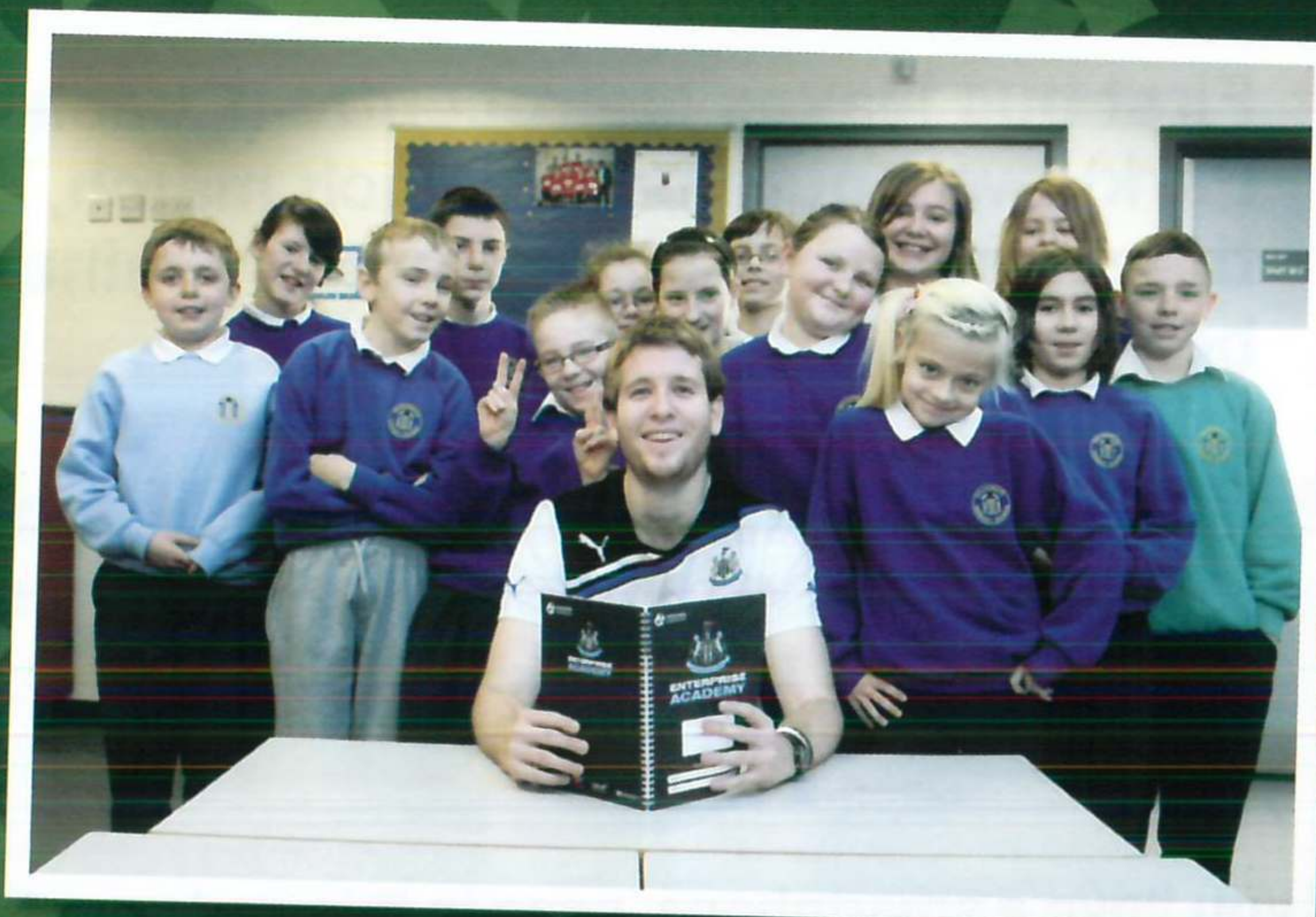
PUPILS SHOW ENTERPRISE

SOME 60 Year 6 pupils from Walkergate Primary School have recently completed an Enterprise Academy course, gaining them a nationally recognised qualification.

Over the last ten weeks the students have been working through a business and enterprise course based around their own football club, Newcastle United.

The Foundation gives young people a unique understanding into the running of a professional football club and uses real life business examples drawn from Newcastle United departments, including marketing, customer services, catering, communications and HR.

Since the Enterprise Academy launched in 2009, it has worked with over 60 North-East schools and engaged over 7,000 young people in enterprise activities and courses.



NEW CLUB IN WALKER

A NEW club for children with Down's syndrome kicks off on Tuesday 17th April at Walker Activity Dome. The DS Active football club will run every Tuesday from 6.30 - 7.30pm until the summer holidays. New members are very welcome to join, and for more information contact: reggie.dornan@nufc.co.uk

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Magpie Movers are valid on this service, but no other tickets can be used (which includes Network One travel cards, Buzzfare, Get Around and English national concessionary passes).



FIRST TEAM SQUAD STATS

ALL INFORMATION CORRECT UP TO AND INCLUDING 02.04.2012

PLAYER	D.O.B.	2011/12 SEASON APPEARANCES								NEWCASTLE UNITED CAREER RECORD								INTERNATIONALS				
		LEAGUE		FA CUP		LGE CUP		TOTAL		LEAGUE		FA CUP		LGE CUP		EURO		TOTAL		NATION	CAPS	
		APS	GLS	APS	GLS	APS	GLS	APS	GLS	APS	GLS	APS	GLS	APS	GLS	APS	GLS	APS	GLS		APS	GLS
 ABEID, Mehdi	06.08.1992	-	-	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	-	-	-
 AMEOBI, Sammy	01.05.1992	1(9)	0	-	-	(3)	1	1(12)	1	1(10)	0	0	0	(3)	1	0	0	1(13)	1	-	-	-
 AMEOBI, Shola	12.10.1981	8(14)	2	1(1)	0	(1)	0	9(16)	2	149(109)	50	10(7)	3	8(4)	7	26(15)	12	193(135)	72	-	-	-
 BA, Demba	25.05.1985	25(2)	16	-	-	2	0	27(2)	16	25(2)	16	0	0	2	0	0	0	27(2)	16	SENEGAL	12	5
 BEN ARFA, Hatem	07.03.1987	9(10)	4	2	1	2	0	13(10)	5	12(11)	5	2	1	2	0	0	0	16(11)	6	FRANCE	8	2
 BEST, Leon	19.09.1986	16(2)	4	2	0	1	0	19(2)	4	31(11)	10	3	0	1	0	0	0	35(11)	10	IRELAND	7	0
 CABAYE, Yohan	14.01.1986	27	2	2	0	2	1	31	3	27	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	31	3	FRANCE	9	0
 CISSÉ, Papiss Demba	03.06.1985	6(1)	7	-	-	-	-	6(1)	7	6(1)	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	6(1)	7	SENEGAL	17	10
 COLOCCINI, Fabricio	22.01.1982	29	0	1	0	3	1	33	1	135	4	7	0	6	1	0	0	148	5	ARGENTINA	34	1
 DONALDSON, Ryan	01.05.1991	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0(2)	0	0(2)	0	2	0	0	0	2(4)	0	-	-	-
 ELLIOT, Rob	30.04.1986	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	-
 FERGUSON, Shane	12.07.1991	(3)	0	(1)	0	1	0	1(4)	0	3(7)	0	(1)	0	3	0	0	0	6(8)	0	N. IRELAND	2	0
 GOSLING, Dan	02.02.1990	1(9)	1	(2)	0	2	0	3(11)	1	1(10)	1	(2)	0	2	0	0	0	3(12)	1	-	-	-
 GUTHRIE, Danny	18.04.1987	13(3)	1	1	0	2	1	16(3)	2	80(11)	7	5(1)	0	6	2	0	0	91(12)	9	-	-	-
 GUTIERREZ, Jonas	05.07.1983	30	2	2	1	1	0	33	3	121(13)	9	5(2)	1	3(2)	0	0	0	129(17)	10	ARGENTINA	22	1
 HARPER, Steve	14.03.1975	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144(7)	0	9(1)	0	12	0	15(2)	0	180(10)	0	-	-	-
 KADAR, Tamas	14.03.1990	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6(7)	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	11(7)	0	HUNGARY	2	0
 KRUL, Tim	03.04.1988	31	0	2	0	2	0	35	0	52(3)	0	6	0	7	0	1	0	66(3)	0	HOLLAND	2	0
 LOVENKRANDS, Peter	29.01.1980	2(7)	0	-	-	2(1)	3	4(8)	3	47(28)	22	2(1)	3	6(1)	4	0	0	55(30)	29	DENMARK	22	1
 MARVEAUX, Sylvain	15.04.1986	1(5)	0	-	-	3	0	4(5)	0	1(5)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4(5)	0	-	-	-
 OBERTAN, Gabriel	26.02.1989	18(4)	1	1	0	(2)	0	19(6)	1	18(4)	1	1	0	(2)	0	0	0	19(6)	1	-	-	-
 PERCH, James	28.09.1985	8(10)	0	1	0	2	0	11(10)	0	17(14)	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	22(14)	0	-	-	-
 RANGER, Nile	11.04.1991	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5(44)	2	1(3)	0	5	1	0	0	11(47)	3	-	-	-
 SANTON, Davide	02.01.1991	12(5)	0	2	0	1	0	15(5)	0	12(5)	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	15(5)	0	ITALY	7	0
 SIMPSON, Danny	04.01.1987	31	0	2	0	3	1	36	1	100	1	4	0	4	1	0	0	108	2	-	-	-
 SMITH, Alan	28.10.1980	(2)	0	-	-	-	-	(2)	0	68(16)	0	5	0	4(1)	0	0	0	77(17)	0	ENGLAND	19	1
 TAVERNIER, James	31.10.1991	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	-	-	-
 TAYLOR, Ryan	19.08.1984	23(2)	2	(2)	0	1	1	24(4)	3	53(18)	6	3(2)	0	6	3	0	0	62(20)	9	-	-	-
 TAYLOR, Steven	23.01.1986	14	0	-	-	(1)	0	14(1)	0	151(9)	11	9	1	8(1)	0	21(4)	1	187(14)	13	-	-	-
 TIOTE, Cheick	21.06.1986	18	0	-	-	-	-	18	0	44	1	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	44(2)	1	IVORY COAST	28	0
 VUCKIC, Haris	21.08.1992	2(2)	0	-	-	(1)	0	2(3)	0	2(4)	0	0	0	4(2)	0	0	0	6(6)	0	-	-	-
WILLIAMSON, Mike	08.11.1983	14(1)	0	2	0	1	0	17(1)	0	58(2)	0	3	0	2(1)	0	0	0	63(3)	0	-	-	-

PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
01 MAN UNITED	31	12	1	2	40	15	12	3	1	36	12	49	76
02 MAN CITY	31	15	1	0	47	10	7	4	4	28	15	50	71
03 ARSENAL	31	11	2	2	34	12	7	2	7	28	29	21	58
04 TOTTENHAM	31	11	3	2	34	15	6	4	5	22	21	20	58
05 CHELSEA	31	9	3	3	31	19	6	5	5	22	17	17	53
06 NEWCASTLE	31	9	5	2	24	15	6	3	6	22	27	4	53
07 EVERTON	31	7	3	6	17	14	5	4	6	15	18	0	43
08 LIVERPOOL	31	5	8	2	19	12	6	1	9	17	21	3	42
09 SUNDERLAND	31	7	4	4	24	14	4	4	8	18	23	5	41
10 FULHAM	31	8	4	4	31	23	2	5	8	8	19	-3	39
11 SWANSEA	31	6	6	3	19	12	4	3	9	16	27	-4	39
12 NORWICH	31	6	5	4	23	19	4	4	8	19	30	-7	39
13 STOKE	31	6	5	4	19	15	4	3	9	10	28	-14	38
14 WEST BROM	31	4	2	9	15	19	6	4	6	21	24	-7	36
15 ASTON VILLA	30	4	4	7	17	21	3	8	4	16	21	-9	33
16 BOLTON	30	4	2	9	19	29	5	0	10	17	31	-24	29
17 QPR	31	4	5	7	19	25	3	2	10	16	29	-19	28
18 BLACKBURN	31	5	1	10	22	29	2	6	7	21	35	-21	28
19 WIGAN	31	2	7	7	14	25	4	3	8	15	30	-26	28
20 WOLVES	31	3	2	11	19	38	2	5	8	14	30	-35	22

WHO SCORED FIRST?

NEWCASTLE SCORE FIRST GOAL	20
OPPONENTS SCORE FIRST GOAL	13
NO GOALS SCORED	3

NEWCASTLE SCORE FIRST & WIN	15
NEWCASTLE SCORE FIRST & DRAW	1
NEWCASTLE SCORE FIRST & LOSE	3
NEWCASTLE FAIL TO SCORE	6

OPPONENTS SCORE FIRST & WIN	7
OPPONENTS SCORE FIRST & DRAW	4
OPPONENTS SCORE FIRST & LOSE	2
OPPONENTS FAIL TO SCORE	11

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

FIRST HALF RECORD	P36	W13	D13	L10	F25	A21
SECOND HALF RECORD	P36	W15	D10	L11	F29	A29

LAST SIX

01.04.2012	LIVERPOOL (H)	WON 2-0
25.03.2012	WEST BROM (A)	WON 3-1
18.03.2012	NORWICH (H)	WON 1-0
12.03.2012	ARSENAL (A)	LOST 2-1
04.03.2012	SUNDERLAND (H)	DREW 1-1
25.02.2012	WOLVES (H)	DREW 2-2



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 2011/12: 49,498



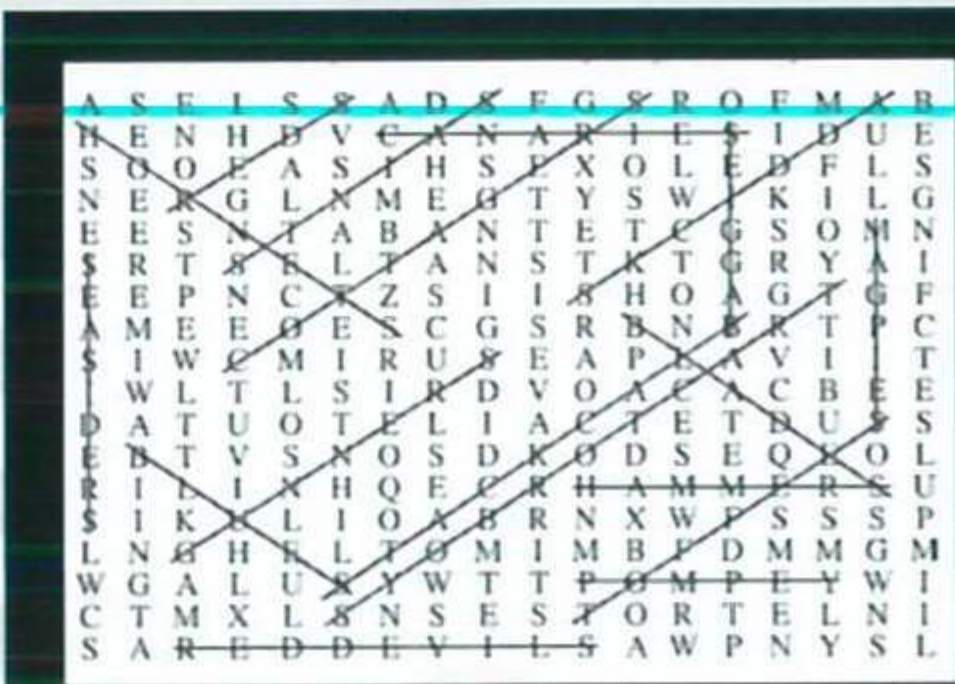
FIXTURES & RESULTS 2011/12

2011	OPPONENTS	K-O	H/A	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	REFEREE	STARTING XI					
AUGUST														
SAT 13	ARSENAL	E	5.30PM	H	0-0	46,894	3,352	10	WALTON	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
SAT 20	SUNDERLAND		12PM	A	1-0	47,751	2,640	4	WEBB	KRUL	R.TAYLOR1	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
THU 25	SCUNTHORPE UNITED (CC2)	S	7.45PM	A	2-1*	4,408	781	>	SALISBURY	KRUL	R.TAYLOR1	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
SUN 28	FULHAM		1PM	H	2-1	42,684	433	6	FRIEND	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
SEPTEMBER														
MON 12	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	S	8PM	A	0-0	16,211	1,279	4	DOWD	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
SAT 17	ASTON VILLA		3PM	A	1-1	34,248	1,676	4	SWARBRICK	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
TUE 20	NOTTINGHAM FOREST (CC3)		7.45PM	A	4-3*	10,208	2,187	>	MASON	ELLIOT	FERGUSON	COLOCCINI1	PERCH	SIMPSON1
SAT 24	BLACKBURN ROVERS		3PM	H	3-1	46,236	1,174	4	ATKINSON	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
OCTOBER														
SAT 1	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS		3PM	A	2-1	26,561	1,367	3	HALSEY	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
SUN 16	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	S	4PM	H	2-2	46,420	2,450	4	PROBERT	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
SAT 22	WIGAN ATHLETIC		3PM	H	1-0	48,321	478	4	SWARBRICK	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
WED 26	BLACKBURN ROVERS (CC4)		8PM	A	3-4*	10,682	3,520	X	MADLEY	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	PERCH	SIMPSON
MON 31	STOKE CITY	S	8PM	A	3-1	26,564	743	3	DEAN	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
NOVEMBER														
SAT 5	EVERTON	S	12.45PM	H	2-1†	50,671	2,061	3	MARRINER	KRUL	R.TAYLOR1	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
SAT 19	MANCHESTER CITY		3PM	A	1-3	47,408	1,685	3	FOY	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
SAT 26	MANCHESTER UNITED		3PM	A	1-1	75,594	1,844	4	JONES	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
DECEMBER														
SAT 3	CHELSEA	S	12.45PM	H	0-3	52,305	2,987	6	DEAN	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	S.TAYLOR	SIMPSON
SAT 10	NORWICH CITY		3PM	A	2-4	26,816	1,358	7	ATKINSON	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	PERCH	SANTON	SIMPSON
SAT 17	SWANSEA CITY		3PM	H	0-0	51,767	1,200	6	MASON	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	PERCH	SIMPSON
WED 21	WEST BROMWICH ALBION		7.45PM	H	2-3	51,060	800	7	TAYLOR	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	PERCH	SIMPSON
MON 26	BOLTON WANDERERS		3PM	A	2-0	26,080	3,919	7	WALTON	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
FRI 30	LIVERPOOL	S	7.45PM	A	1-3†	44,372	1,875	7	PROBERT	KRUL	R.TAYLOR	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
2012														
JANUARY														
WED 4	MANCHESTER UNITED	S	8PM	H	3-0†	52,299	3,098	7	WEBB	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
SAT 7	BLACKBURN ROVERS (FAC3)		3PM	H	2-1	30,876	357	>	FRIEND	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
SUN 15	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	S	1.30PM	H	1-0	49,865	1,327	6	FOY	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
SAT 21	FULHAM		3PM	A	2-5	25,692	2,606	6	MASON	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
SAT 28	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION (FAC4)	E	5.15PM	A	0-1	21,558	2,361	X	PROBERT	KRUL	SANTON	PERCH	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
FEBRUARY														
WED 1	BLACKBURN ROVERS		8PM	A	2-0†	20,817	2,232	5	DOWD	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
SUN 5	ASTON VILLA	S	1.30PM	H	2-1	48,569	1,349	5	HALSEY	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
SAT 11	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	E	5.30PM	A	0-5	36,176	1,795	6	MARRINER	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
SAT 25	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS		3PM	H	2-2	52,287	1,550	6	WALTON	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
MARCH														
SUN 4	SUNDERLAND	E	12PM	H	1-1	52,388	2,715	6	DEAN	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
MON 12	ARSENAL	S	8PM	A	1-2	60,095	1,470	6	WEBB	KRUL	SANTON	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
SUN 18	NORWICH CITY	S	4PM	H	1-0	47,833	1,904	6	DOWD	KRUL	PERCH	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
SUN 25	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	S	4PM	A	3-1	25,049	1,750	6	FOY	KRUL	PERCH	COLOCCINI	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
APRIL														
SUN 1	LIVERPOOL	S	1.30PM	H	2-0	52,363	3,200	6	ATKINSON	KRUL	GUTIERREZ	PERCH	WILLIAMSON	SIMPSON
FRI 6	SWANSEA CITY	S	4.30PM	A	-	-	-	-	-					
MON 9	BOLTON WANDERERS		3PM	H	-	-	-	-	-					
SAT 21	STOKE CITY		3PM	H	-	-	-	-	-					
SAT 28	WIGAN ATHLETIC		3PM	A	-	-	-	-	-					
MAY														
WED 2	CHELSEA		7.45PM	A	-	-	-	-	-					
SUN 6	MANCHESTER CITY	S	1.30PM	H	-	-	-	-	-					
SUN 13	EVERTON		3PM	A	-	-	-	-	-					

*AFTER EXTRA TIME

SUBSTITUTES

CABAYE	TIOTE	BARTON	GUTIERREZ	Sh.AMEOBI	BA	FORSTER	WILLIAMSON	GOSLING	OBERTAN	BEST	Sa.AMEOBI	LOVENKRANDS
CABAYE	TIOTE	BARTON	GUTIERREZ	Sh.AMEOBI	OBERTAN	HARPER	WILLIAMSON	GOSLING	MARVEAUX	BA	BEST	LOVENKRANDS
CABAYE	GOSLING	MARVEAUX	LOVENKRANDS	BA	BEST	SODERBERG	FERGUSON	S.TAYLOR	ABEID	SMITH	VUCKIC	Sa.AMEOBI1
CABAYE	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	LOVENKRANDS	BEST2	SODERBERG	FERGUSON	MARVEAUX	VUCKIC	SMITH	BA	Sa.AMEOBI
CABAYE	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	Sh.AMEOBI	BEST	ELLIOT	SANTON	MARVEAUX	GUTHRIE	BA	Sa.AMEOBI	LOVENKRANDS
CABAYE	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	BA	BEST1	ELLIOT	PERCH	MARVEAUX	GUTHRIE	Sh.AMEOBI	Sa.AMEOBI	LOVENKRANDS
GUTHRIE	ABEID	GOSLING	MARVEAUX	LOVENKRANDS2	BEN ARFA	KRUL	DUMMETT	HENDERSON	OBERTAN	Sh.AMEOBI	Sa.AMEOBI	BEST
CABAYE	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	BA3	BEST	HARPER	PERCH	MARVEAUX	GUTHRIE	BEN ARFA	Sa.AMEOBI	LOVENKRANDS
CABAYE	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ1	BA1	BEST	ELLIOT	SANTON	MARVEAUX	GUTHRIE	BEN ARFA	Sa.AMEOBI	LOVENKRANDS
CABAYE	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	BA1	BEST	ELLIOT	SANTON	MARVEAUX	GOSLING	BEN ARFA	Sh.AMEOBI1	LOVENKRANDS
CABAYE1	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	BA	BEST	HARPER	SANTON	MARVEAUX	PERCH	SMITH	BEN ARFA	Sh.AMEOBI
CABAYE1	GUTHRIE1	MARVEAUX	GUTIERREZ	BEN ARFA	BA	ELLIOT	ABEID	GOSLING	OBERTAN	RANGER	Sa.AMEOBI	LOVENKRANDS1
CABAYE	GUTHRIE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	BA3	BEST	ELLIOT	SANTON	PERCH	GOSLING	MARVEAUX	BEN ARFA	Sa.AMEOBI
CABAYE	GUTHRIE	MARVEAUX	GUTIERREZ	BA	BEST	ELLIOT	SANTON	PERCH	GOSLING	BEN ARFA	Sa.AMEOBI	LOVENKRANDS
CABAYE	GUTHRIE	Sa.AMEOBI	GUTIERREZ	BEN ARFA	BA	ELLIOT	SANTON	PERCH	GOSLING1	SMITH	Sh.AMEOBI	LOVENKRANDS
CABAYE	GUTHRIE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	BEN ARFA	BA1	ELLIOT	SANTON	PERCH	GOSLING	Sa.AMEOBI	Sh.AMEOBI	LOVENKRANDS
CABAYE	GUTHRIE	OBERTAN	LOVENKRANDS	BEN ARFA	BA	HARPER	SANTON	PERCH	GOSLING	Sa.AMEOBI	Sh.AMEOBI	BEST
CABAYE	GOSLING	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	Sh.AMEOBI	BA2	ELLIOT	FERGUSON	SMITH	BEN ARFA	BEST	Sa.AMEOBI	LOVENKRANDS
CABAYE	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	BEST	BA	HARPER	WILLIAMSON	ABEID	BEN ARFA	VUCKIC	Sh.AMEOBI	Sa.AMEOBI
VUCKIC	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	BEST	BA2	ELLIOT	WILLIAMSON	ABEID	R.TAYLOR	BEN ARFA	Sh.AMEOBI	Sa.AMEOBI
CABAYE	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	BEST	BA1	ELLIOT	FERGUSON	PERCH	VUCKIC	BEN ARFA1	Sh.AMEOBI	Sa.AMEOBI
CABAYE	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	VUCKIC	BA	ELLIOT	SANTON	PERCH	BEN ARFA	Sa.AMEOBI	Sh.AMEOBI	BEST
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CABAYE	ABEID	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ1	BEN ARFA1	BEST	ELLIOT	PERCH	R.TAYLOR	GOSLING	VUCKIC	Sa.AMEOBI	Sh.AMEOBI
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CABAYE	TIOTE	OBERTAN	GUTIERREZ	BEN ARFA1	BA	ELLIOT	PERCH	GUTHRIE	GOSLING	VUCKIC	CISSE	Sh.AMEOBI
CABAYE	GUTHRIE	BEN ARFA	GUTIERREZ	CISSE1	BA	ELLIOT	SANTON	ABEID	GOSLING	VUCKIC	Sh.AMEOBI	DONALDSON
CABAYE	GUTHRIE	BEN ARFA1	GUTIERREZ	CISSE2	BA	ELLIOT	SANTON	FERGUSON	ABEID	GOSLING	VUCKIC	Sh.AMEOBI
CABAYE	TIOTE	GUTHRIE	BEN ARFA	CISSE2	BA	ELLIOT	SANTON	FERGUSON	R.TAYLOR	GOSLING	VUCKIC	Sh.AMEOBI





◀ FLASHBACK

17th January 1998

WHEN United met Bolton in early 1998 at St. James' Park, the game appeared to be trundling towards a draw after Nathan Blake had cancelled out John Barnes' early opener. That was until a certain Temuri Ketsbaia was brought on. Livid at having been left on the bench, the Georgian showed his feelings in bizarre fashion, and after grabbing a 90th minute winner, the forward celebrated by ripping off his shirt and throwing it into the crowd and kicking seven bells out of an advertising hoarding, before being calmed down by his teammates - eventually.

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■ ■	Davide SANTON	■ ■	03
■ ■	Yohan CABAYE	■ ■	04
■ ■	Danny SIMPSON	■ ■	05
■ ■	Mike WILLIAMSON	■ ■	06
■ ■	Danny GUTHRIE	■ ■	08
■ ■	Papiss CISSÉ	■ ■	09
■ ■	Hatem BEN ARFA	■ ■	10
■ ■	Peter LOVENKRANDS	■ ■	11
■ ■	Mehdi ABEID	■ ■	13
■ ■	James PERCH	■ ■	14
■ ■	Dan GOSLING	■ ■	15
■ ■	Ryan TAYLOR	■ ■	16
■ ■	JONAS Gutiérrez	■ ■	18
■ ■	Demba BA	■ ■	19
■ ■	Leon BEST	■ ■	20
■ ■	Sylvain MARVEAUX	■ ■	22
■ ■	Shola AMEOBI	■ ■	23
■ ■	Cheick TIOTÉ	■ ■	24
■ ■	Gabriel OBERTAN	■ ■	25
■ ■	Tim KRUL	■ ■	26
■ ■	Steven TAYLOR	■ ■	27
■ ■	Sammy AMEOBI	■ ■	28
■ ■	Haris VUCKIC	■ ■	29
■ ■	Shane FERGUSON	■ ■	31
■ ■	Ryan DONALDSON	■ ■	32
■ ■	Rob ELLIOT	■ ■	35
■ ■	Tamas KADAR	■ ■	45



BOLTON WANDERERS

Manager: Owen Coyle

01	■ ■	Ádám BOGDÁN	■ ■
02	■ ■	Grétar STEINSSON	■ ■
03	■ ■	Marcos ALONSO	■ ■
06	■ ■	Fabrice MUAMBA	■ ■
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08	■ ■	Stuart HOLDEN	■ ■
09	■ ■	TUNCAY Sanli	■ ■
10	■ ■	Martin PETROV	■ ■
11	■ ■	Ricardo GARDNER	■ ■
12	■ ■	Zat KNIGHT	■ ■
14	■ ■	Kevin DAVIES	■ ■
15	■ ■	Tyrone MEARS	■ ■
16	■ ■	Mark DAVIES	■ ■
17	■ ■	Ivan KLASNIC	■ ■
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19	■ ■	Nigel REO-COKER	■ ■
20	■ ■	Robbie BLAKE	■ ■
21	■ ■	Darren PRATLEY	■ ■
22	■ ■	Jussi JÄÄSKELÄINEN	■ ■
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24	■ ■	David NGOG	■ ■
25	■ ■	Dedryck BOYATA	■ ■
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